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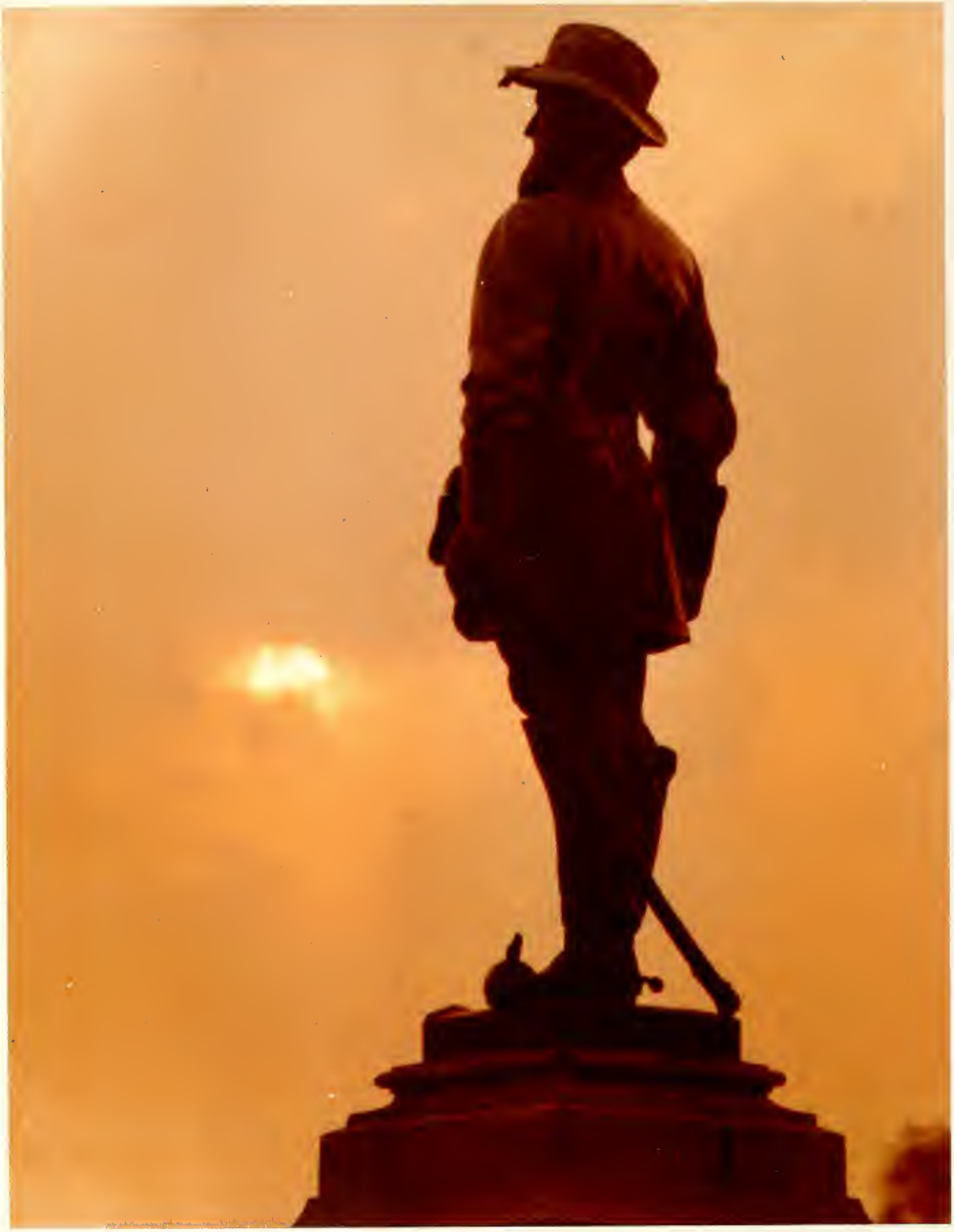
The boy arrives at VMI determined to make it. Behind he leaves loved ones and friends.

The process begins.



Under the watchful eyes of Stonewall Jackson . . .

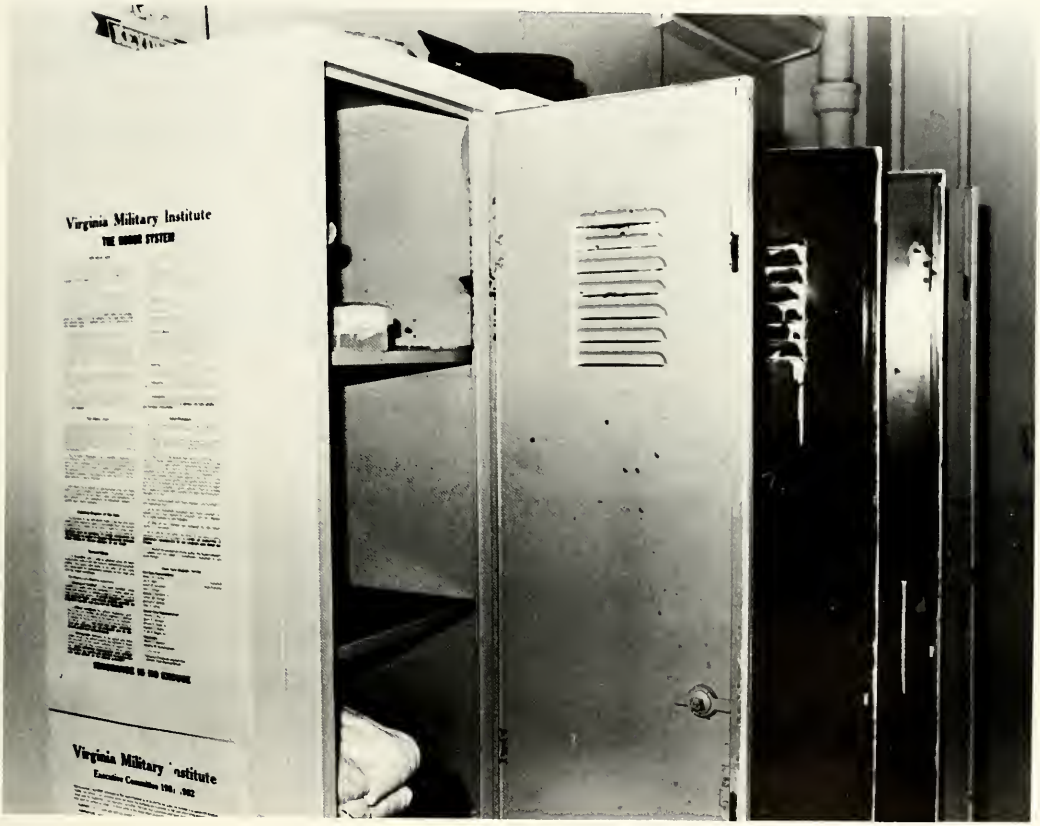
He enters into an unknown world where victories past are all but forgotten.

The boy becomes a rat.

In order to survive, new habits, new skills, and traditions must be quickly learned and assimilated.

The Rat soon learns that he cannot make it on his own. To conquer this challenge he needs the help of his classmates. In the face of adversity the Brother Rat Spirit is born and the bond of friendship is forever set.

More important than the Rat Line and the Brother Rat Spirit is the cadet's honor. The Honor system binds the present to the past, the cadet to the alumnus. It is his most cherished possession and one that distinguishes him from students at every other school.



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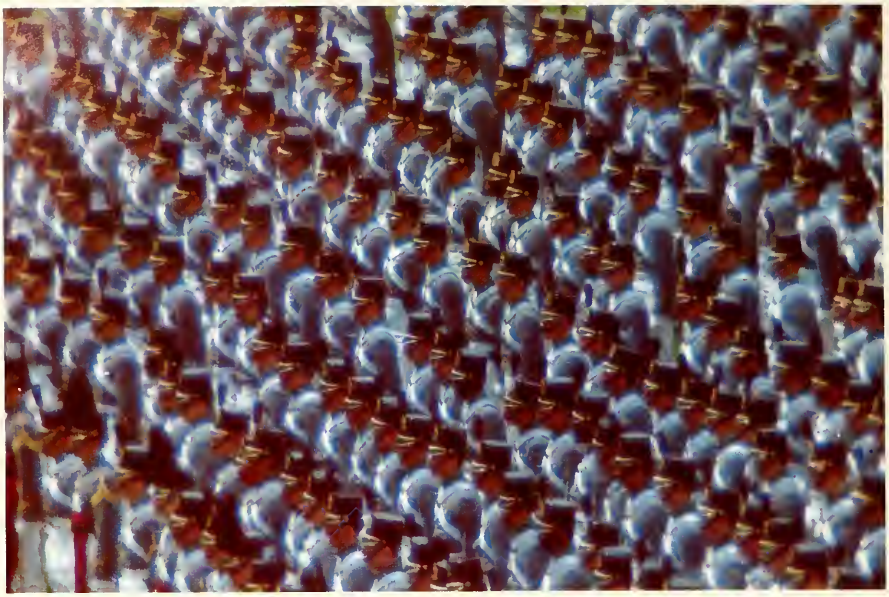
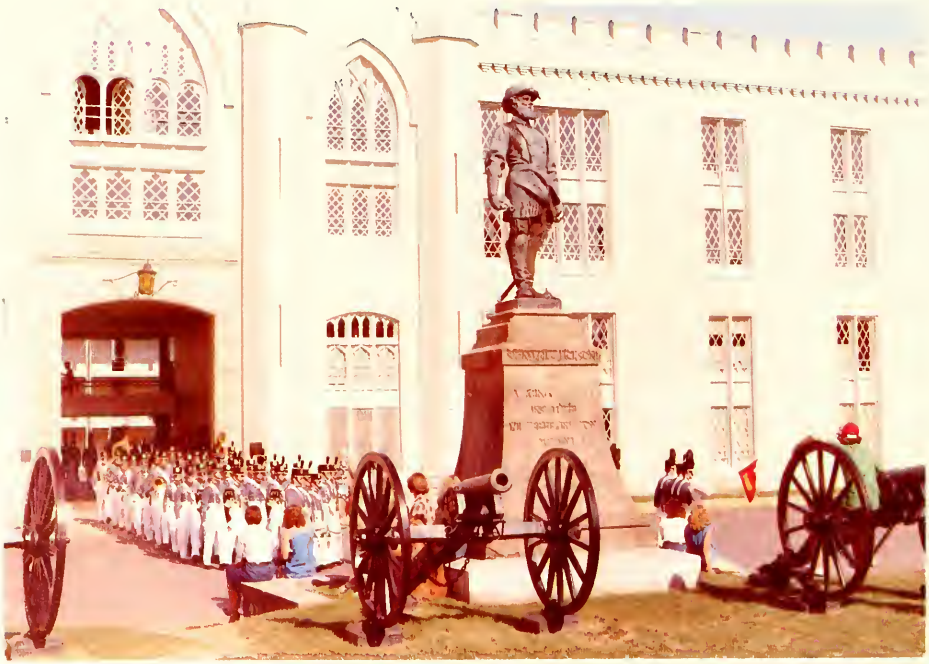
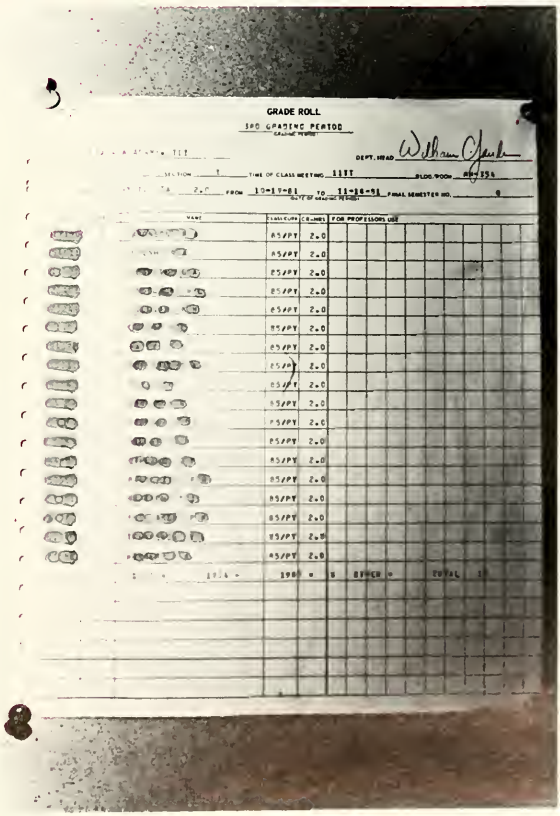


Though the uniform is uncomfortable, the routine endless, and the lifestyle miserable, the cadets press on.





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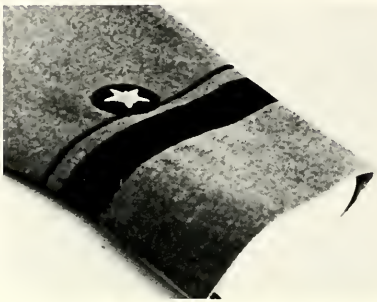
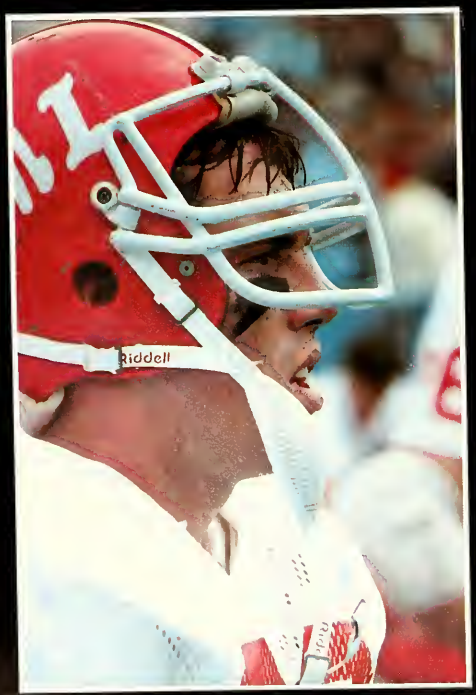
Demerits, confinement, and almost insurmountable academics haunt cadets for four years.

But, this is also the time to explore interests and gain recognition in the classroom, in barracks, and on the athletic field.



Within the Gothic facade lays both happiness and despair.

There are times of victory . . .



and times of defeat.

As the moments pass . . .

the distinction and identity of a Keydet slowly emerges.

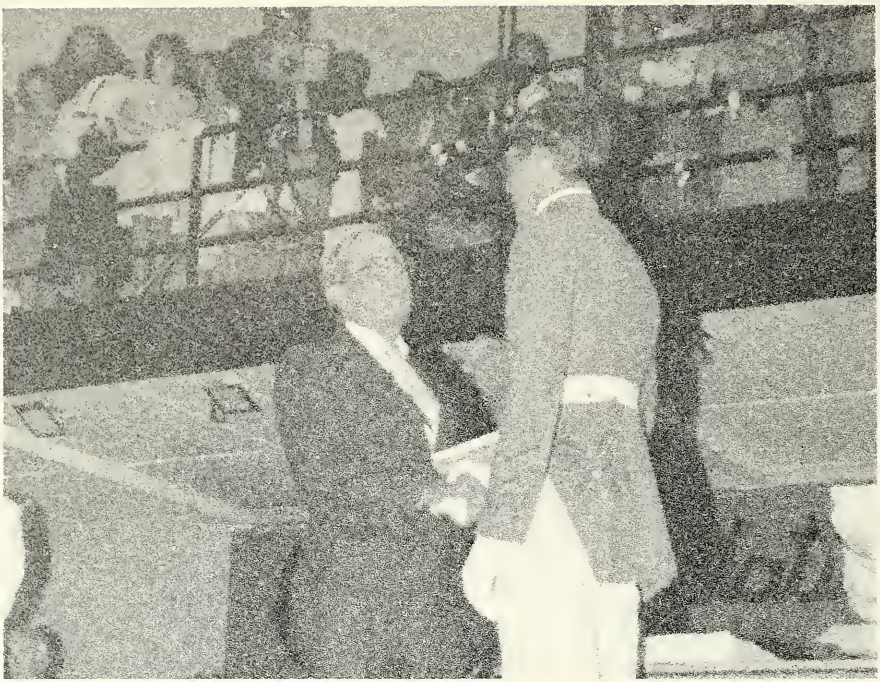
William Shakespeare so accurately describes these years and experiences;

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers,

For he to-day that sheds his blood with me

Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile

This day shall gentle his condition."



A handshake, a walk across the stage, and suddenly it is all over. We take with us memories that will become treasured as time passes, until our time at the Institute will seem to have been youth's last stand before entering a hectic "real" world.

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DEDICATION

COACH THALMAN AND THE 1981-82 FOOTBALL TEAM

To quote a phrase, a group of Keydets got the Army mule and a "a gritty VMI football team got Army's goat." The 1981-82 football squad won games that no one thought they would. No one except the Corps, the team, and Coach Thalman. The team won after suffering numerous injuries, losing key players, and being told they couldn't. Despite these obstacles, optimism prevailed; Coach Thalman's optimism. This enthusiasm infected the team, the Corps, indeed, everyone who was connected with the squad. Few cadets will ever forget the joy associated with the West Point, Citadel, and especially the Tech game. In the freezing temperatures the Keydets proved undoubtedly that they were winners. For the best football season we've known, the Corps humbly bows its head to the team, thank you. To Coach Thalman, thank you.

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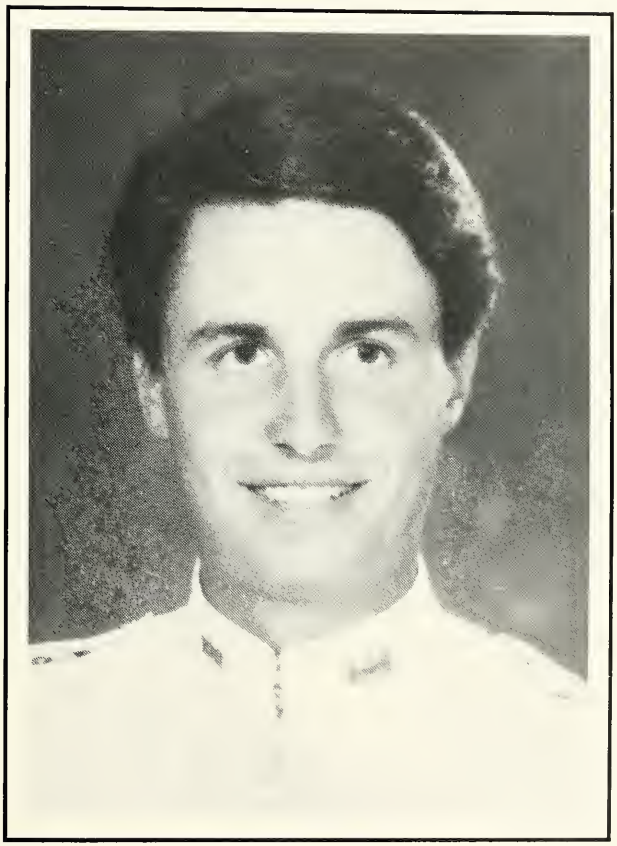

ROBERT LEE BOBBITT JR.

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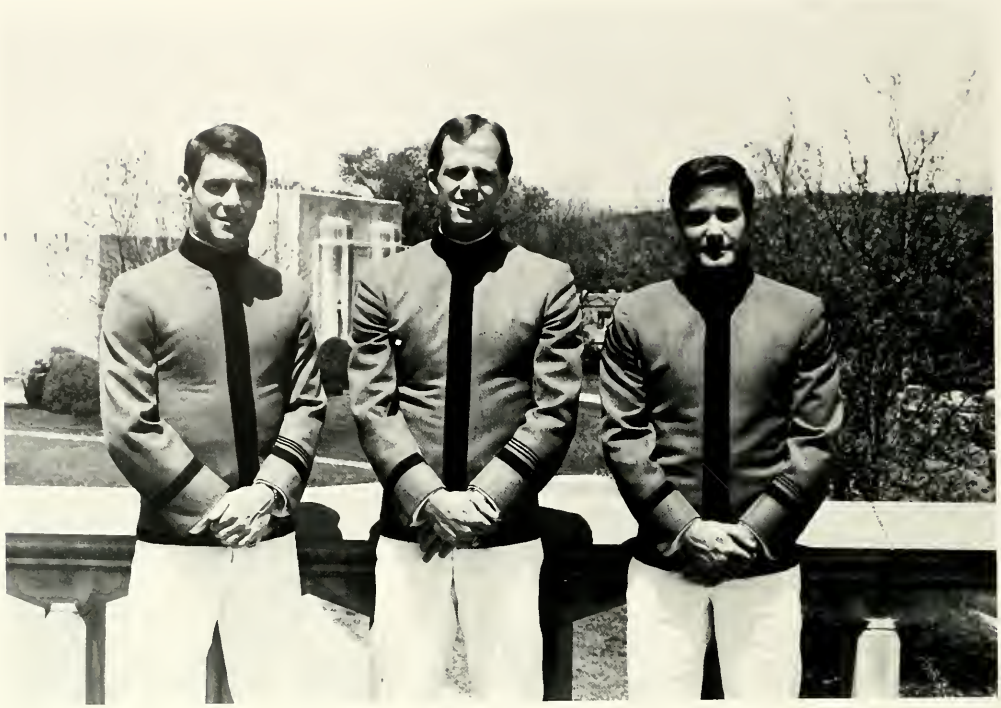

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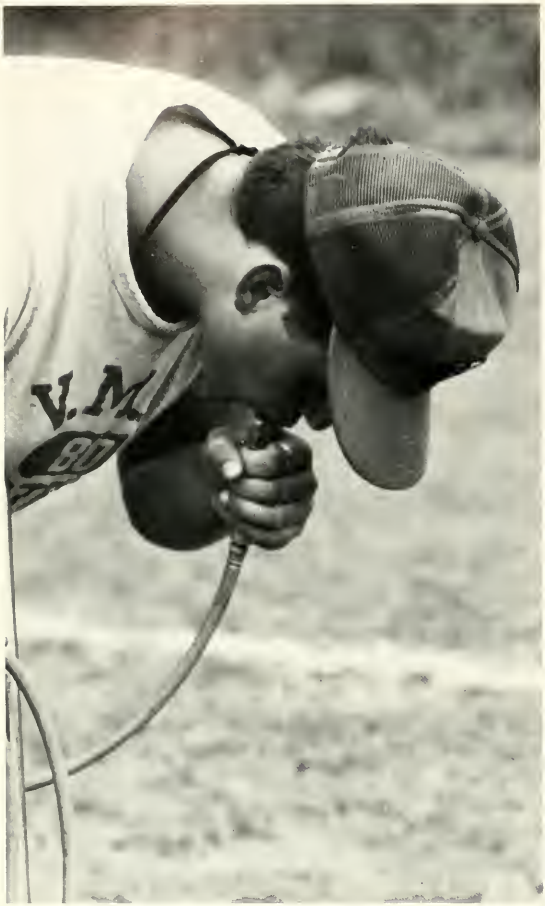
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Shutt, D. L.: Unauthorized Cocktail Hour on the fourth stoop.
Rose, H. L.: Eating outside of barracks.
Zotto, C. J.: Failure to navigate properly. (i.e. Drunk in barracks).
Stump, G. G.: Illegal drugs in Cave. Misdemeanor: Rolaf Sandwich (Jerk).
Eichman, C. F.: Illegal Brewskis in Cadet Roachmotel. Rolaf on Rye — New delicacy in the Mess Hall; CDT. Captain's face embroidered with turkey, mayo, etc. 1¢ per lb.
Sofia, M. J.: Inducing the illegal, otherwise evil firewater on the grounds of the Institute, and on the grounds of my liver. I know where you live Capt. Herdrick!
Daniel, E. D.: Possession of unauthorized visitor of the female type in Penthouse Suite 248.
Kuchnia, A. E.: "slick fingers" Impersonating a corpse.
Noah, V. W.: Jumping the gate and running from the O.D., Ring Figure night.
"Muggs" Murphy: Unauthorized opening of "Ducks" franchise.
Sharp, K. F.: Unauthorized Open Bar in barracks.
Cramer, C. S.: Unauthorized possession of Milwaukee firewater in barracks Rat year.
Foster, P. L.: Direct disobedience to a constituted Cadet Authority; and Operating a vehicle on post.
Sanders, W. M.: Unauthorized parking of unauthorized vehicle in unauthorized place.
Checca, S. O.: Serving alcoholic beverages without proper A.B.C. or Institute licenses (in barracks).
Goewey, J. H.: Unauthorized vacationing in Lexington while on confinement (twice). Also, unauthorized "Happy Hour" in barracks.

CHRISTOPHER LYNN ABBOTT

"Chris, Willy, Hey Abbott, A Boat, Kwis"
Danville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Dean's List 3, 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; ASCE Tutor 1; Ring Construction 2; RFYL 4, 3, 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 2

It's hard to believe I'm sitting here finally writing my 1st class history. These last four years have been "somewhat" of an experience. It seems like time has really gone by fast but I know better. It's not easy to forget all those trips to the bottom of NEB and finally emerging in the wee hours of the morning. But with the not so good times there have also been the not so bad times. The friends I've made here will probably have an influence on me the rest of my life.

Mom and Dad, thanks so much for all the support you gave me in the not so good times. Without it I would have had a much rougher time. And Mom thanks for the "Care Packages" they were always delicious! And before I forget FRED and DAVE thanos for rolling up my hay!

p.s. JAY, "What they do".

DYKES 1979: Dave Kopelman
1985: Fred Miller, Dave Othling

DENNIS MICHAEL ADAMS

"Den-Den"
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Chemistry — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ACS 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1

When I first met him during Rat year he was just as confused and naive as I was. His lack of military bearing made him pretty popular with the cadre, and his boyish face and skinny body didn't give him much hope of success at V.M.I.

Well, after four years, Dennis still lacks military bearing, he still has a skinny body and a boyish face, but he's no longer the confused and naive person he used to be.

I have to thank him for his four years of friendship and encouragement. Without him I would have never made it through V.M.I., for he was like a brother to me.

Good luck in the Air Force.

HHP

DYKES 1979: Kirk Latsha
1985: Douglas Hill

GRAFTON DULANY ADDISON III

"Duke, Disco, Boss-Hog"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
English — Army

Boss-Hog and Johnny Funk Dance Team; Social Comm. 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, Pres. 1; Young Republicans 2, Pres. 1; Hop Escort Comm. 2, 1; CRC 3, 2, Pres. 1; Cadet Newspaper 3, 2, 1; Tech Raiders 1; Solid Waste Club (SBC) 3, 2, 1; and Hogwildness I.

The past four years have been the most important years of my life.

Looking back on my cadetship I recall some events that took place: The Ratline, Breakout, Frats, Roadtrips, Ring Figure, Weekends, Panama City, Summer School, Dancing, Hog Wilderness, and a lot of hell-raising in general. But not all of the events have been happy ones. During my second class year my father died from Leukemia. I continued to press on though, because he wouldn't have expected anything less. He was and still is a very important part of me, as well as my mother, sister, and brother. Thanks for your love, support, and guidance.

Plaz, Hippo, Yoda, and Thonebag . . . Who could ask for better roommates. Funk, I'll never forget the wild times we had, nor will anyone else. Mike, EBO, and the III thanks for being the best friend around. Dujazz, obtain a funky bus fare. Penny, thanks for making my last year here the best. To the rest of my BR's and the corps, good luck and hold your head high. We entered here as young boys . . . we leave as men.

DYKES 1979: Morey Wood
1985: Meade King, Stuart Taylor

BRODERICK CORY ATTRA

"B.C."
Weston, Connecticut

Commanders; Pep Band; Dean's List; Coin Collecting; Trap Shooting; Skiing; Tennis; Swimming; Soccer; and General Fun

I would never have made it this far without the help of my Brother Rats. Com. Kirkley, My Mom and Dad, and my Lord Jesus Christ. Keep your head down, hopes up, and your wit high. "Attra, B.C. Weston, Connecticut, Sir!"

DYKES 1979: Henry Rogers
1985: Randy Brush, Mike Collins

FLOYD P. ALLEN

Raleigh, North Carolina
History — Army

All-Southern Conference; 3 AP Honorable Mention All-American; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Promaji Club; Monogram Club; Henry Fairfax Ayers '06 Award Recipiesss

The four years I spent here in Lexington have been neither good nor bad, but memorable ones. There were times when not only were my emotional and mental stability tested but threatened by ominous events. Looking back I'd like to thank each and every person that helped me along the way. Remember; The Zolloman's Parties, the Horseshoe Club, four illustrious years of football, four lustful years with semites and the like, tag team mud wrestling, The Opal, Homecoming '79, Rooms 180, 256, 327, and 445, Spring Break '80, all expenses paid, my beautiful and fun loving little sisters, the friends that stayed and these who left. Thanks again VMI for the one thing I'll never forget; Where I come from and who I really am. Thanks for the friends you gave me and those you took away, temporarily.

Thanks Mom, Dad, Mr. abd Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Mundy, PAB, Coaches, "Squat", "B", and everyone else I didn't mention. Most of all thank you Lord for giving me the talent, desire, and strength to finish what you started.

So if we summon from our hearts
those strengths we seldom use,
We'll be a victor in the toughest
contest, win or lose!

DYKES 1979: Gary McNeil
1985: Joe Pauley, Terry Thompson

MICHAEL ROBERT ALBERT

Manchester, Connecticut
History — U.S.M.C.

Rat; Corporal; Ranger Platoon; Third Class Show; Private; ROA, "Stalag 17"; "McCarthy" God's Favorite Crew; Private; ROA; "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest"; "Martini"; History Symposium

For my entire cadetship Mike has been my roommate, friend and brother rat. He has lived up to all these roles, especially that of my brother rat. Whenever I hear most of my "brother rats" call me by that name, I know they are asking for money. Mike knows the real meaning of brother rat. Good luck in all you do.

DMA

DYKES 1979: Andy Neff
1985: Asad Keshavarz

THOMAS EDWARD AVENT JR.

"Child, Warthog, Bag Brotber #1"
Roanoake, Virginia
Civil Engineering —

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1, President 2, 1, Treasurer 3, 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Football 4; Member of the Original Bag Brothers; OGA Secretary 1; Ghetto Corner 2, 1; E Co. Rat Exo.; Cadet Cliff Painting Committees

What an experience. All in all, I really don't think I would do anything differently if given the chance. There are many things that you can say about this place, but it has made me realize what it takes to grow up and helped me in that task. There are too many people that have been a part of my experience here to mention. All of these people have somehow made the bad times livable and the good times great. If it wasn't for Rugby, my roommates, and various other activities and people which created the insanity which somehow kept me sane through all of this, I'm not sure if I could have made it. I thank all of those people, I especially thank my parents, who have put up with the insanity and my growing pains and still supported me during it all. I finally made it!

DYKES 1979: Dennis Austin
1985: David Santora

ANDREW KENNETH BALDING

"A.K., AK-47, Sanwienie, The Great Sanwienie, Wiene, The Big Wiene"
Arlington, Virginia
USMC

Swim Team 4, 3; Cadre Cpl.; CWRT 2, 1; #1 Club; USMC Det; NROTC Pistol Team 1; The One and Only Knife Wielding Maniac

AK has experienced a lot in his cadetship. As a romantic his ideals were too far fetched for VMI, and for that he was plagued with more than his share of problems. There are two things that mean tbe world to Andy: Sandy, the fair gal who is going to be bis wife on graduation day and the other, HIS MARINE CORPS. Remember Wiene the one thing your roommate bas Repeatedly told you "Andy, you are gifted, but think first and keep your big mouth SHUT!"

DYKES 1979: "Silky" Thomas
1985: M. A. Ceroli, T. L. Montgomery, S. F. Bittorf

JOHN LOUIS BANGERT

"Stud-hoss, Bucket-head"
Hampton, Virginia
Physics — Air Force

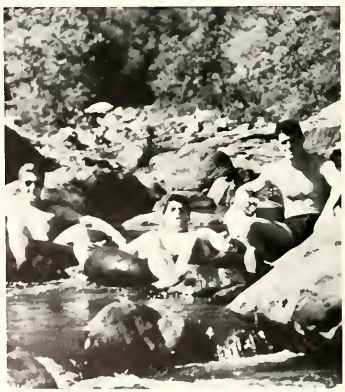
Society of Physics Students; Treasurer; Scuba Club; Ski Club; Regimental Band; Dave Bratton Abuser Club; Air Force Pilot Candidate

I came to VMI in August of 1978. I was fresh out of bigh school and unsure of my future as were most of my brotber rats. I knew little concerning VMI and I never saw the place until that faithful day when I matriculated. I was in for a big surprise!

Now that I am A first classman I can look back upon some fond memories. February 21, our mass became tbe class of 1982 amidst the snow and ice. Third class year was full of surprises, paper airplanes flying out the backside of barracks. Ring figure 1982 occupied my thoughts for my second class year, and what a time it was. And now I look towards being an alumni and watching our rats prosper.

I'd like to thank my parents for their love, continuing support, and for making it all possible, and Curtis for being a close friend and roommate for 4 years. And I can't forget Eberwale and Mo.

DYKES 1979: "Beetle" Bailey
1985: Todd "Hollywood" Southard, Walt McMann



SCOTT McCLELLEAN BARGER

"Barf-Gasm"
Warrenton, Virginia
Economics —

Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 1; Cadet Assistant 1

The years I've spent at VMI have gone by quickly. It seems like only yesterday I arrived a boy in a man's world; unprepared and apprehensive about a place I was going to spend four years of my life. It is hard to believe I made it! I owe this accomplishment to my family whose constant encouragement and love carried me through the hard times. I hope they realize how much I love them.

A special thanks to Jerry and Dave for being with me to experience the joys and hardships of institute life.

DYKES 1979: Eric Sewarz
1985: Stephen Heflin

STEVEN RAY BARGER

"Steve"
Springwood, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Baseball 4, 3; Basketball; Football; ASCE 3, 2, 1

When Steve arrived at VMI there was only one question in his mind, "Why did I come here?" It's now been four years since that day and I have heard that same question numberless times! He came from a rural high school where college preparation was below average to say the least. He conquered the ratline only to become the "Confinement King" during our second and third class years. Steve showed the tremendous will power and realized he understood. His determination and ability to make friends will carry him far in life, I look forward to the future when I will be a parasite on his financial accomplishments! Steve, good luck, and don't forget our promised yacht cruise.

J.R.T.

DYKES 1979: Asa Page
1985: Don Monday

AUSTIN BASCOM BECKHAM

"A.B., Bascom-Head, Mongoose"
Gaithersburg, Maryland
Economics — Army

Honor Court 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; OGA President 1; Posit Committee 1; Promaji Club 1, 2; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Head Recruiter Fiji Island Party '81; Executive Club 2; Undistinguished Graduate Army ROTC Camp '81; Honorable Mention All-American 1, All Southern-Conference and All-State Football Teams 1

They say time flies when you're having fun. I guess that is why it has seemed like so long for us to get out of here. No seriously, my thoughts of this place will turn more often to the smiles and laughter than to the periodical grimaces and bickering. Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter, Cheryl, and Kinney, what can I say? I cannot begin to express my thankfulness for making me feel so loved. Here's to Boat, Hole, Walt, Wied Dink, Lips, Wine, Snake, Dog, and Waders. You all have been the best of friends — Great Guys to get crazy with. I will miss ya'll. To the roomies Moon, Big Man, and E; I know I wouldn't have gone through it all with anybody else and had such a good time. Don't ever lose touch. Finally, I want to thank Mom and Pop for all their love. Mom, all your care and good food warmed my heart and my stomach. Pop, your patience and foresight kept me going when the chips were down. I am a very lucky person. To sum it all up I will just say "Oh, Wow." I am done with it!

DYKES 1979: Bob Miller
1985: Mark "Rockhead" Della Rocco, Tim "halfbreed" Martin, Curtis "Stud" Wilson

OSMUND FOSKEY BELCHER

"Osmondo, Snake, Wizard of Ozz, Sam Thalman"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Track 3, 2, 1; ASCE; ASME; Promaji Club; Monogram Club; Alpha Beta Graduated; Kill a Preppy Club

They say "VMI is a great place to be from, but not to be at." First of all, I have always wanted to know whom "They" are. I entered VMI four years ago with a lot of goals. My first goal was to become a young Civil Engineer, which is fast becoming a reality. The second goal was to participate in Varsity Track and Football. Thanks to Col. Buchanan, who took the time to visit E.C. Glass on College Night, I accomplished this. And a special thanks to Sam and Brenda Ashworth for being my big brother and sister. Another important objective was to make some life time friends. Well, I have almost 300 of them now, each is a member of the Class of 1982. I would have never made it through summer camp without one of my best friends, Austin Beckham. My roommates are about two steps away from the funny house. (Willie "Eraserhead" Funkhouser, Danny "Demo Expert" Clymore, and Dale "Wrong-Way" Ertzner) My final goal is perhaps the most difficult of all, and that is to "Pay back my parents for all of the wonderful things that they have done for me." I doubt I will ever be as smart and successful as my father or as patient and understanding as my mother, but I shall try. Mom and Dad have sacrificed and done a lot for my brothers, sister, and myself.

Thanks and Love Always,
Osmund Foskey Belcher

DYKES 1979: Anthony Green
1985: Jay "Oxburger" Cesafsky, Daren "Phantom Dyke" Sawyer, Flyod Etener

TERRENCE ANDREW BELDEN

"Beast, Hu-raah"
Long Island, New York
History — Army, Infantry

Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; 1st Lt. XO 1; Airborne; Scuba; Orienteering Club; Summer School All 4 Years; Tech Raids 80, 81

I first met Terry way back in our Rat year. All I thought was, "here is a squared away guy." Well now that we are good friends the same holds true. Terry is serious, yet has a flair of humor that keeps you at ease. I'm sure that our B.R.s will agree that Terry will go far in this turbulent world. A man that can keep his head in a stressful situation, of course he's Airborne! Remember the good old days, Terry, the VPI Raid (so well planned), thanks for leaving me behind, also the Christmas tree raid . . . Do it, oh yes, watch out Terry, it's a Rat! We've had some memorable times. Good luck in all your endeavors!

Your true friend,
G.F.S. III

I had a bunch of fantastic roommates, Ashley, Mark, Josh, and Bob and also a bunch of great friends. Thanks guys. Mom and Dad, this cadetship is all yours. Without your support it wouldn't exist. Carole, thanks for all those letters, the future is ours. Guys, it's time to get the hell out of Dodge!

T.A.B.

DYKES 1979: Ali Delkash, Mark Day
1985: Brent (burned my pants) Hearn II

ALLEN JOEL BENEFIELD

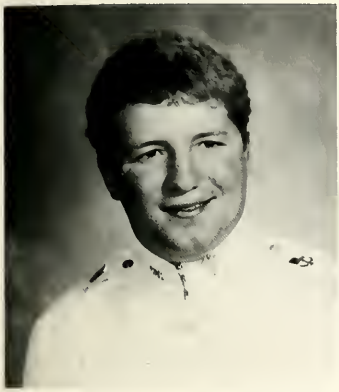
"Crotch"
Annandale, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Air Force

JV Basketball 4, 3; The "I Hate Mike Struab" Fan Club 3, 2, 1; Nerk Brothers 2, 1; Intramural Basketball Champs 2; Ring Figure Construction Committee 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee I

My years at V.M.I. have been filled with tremendous joys and many disheartening sorrows. From graduation to the deaths of friends and loved ones, life here at the "I" has carried on. It has been a part of my life I will never regret and will always be extremely proud of. The friends that I have come to know and become a part of, hold my deepest respect and admiration for without them, my time spent here would have been nearly unbearable. My family has always been there whenever needed. My mother and two sisters invariably come through with the most wonderful and appreciated surprises. Mr. and Mrs. S., you were always more than I could ask for. My dearest and most precious Meg, you have endured my best and worst. You gave me the strength to make it through this place. You are, quite simply, the greatest. Each one of you holds a special place in my heart and without any one of you, I never would have made it.

A.J.B.

DYKES 1979: Wilton Holmes
1985: Steven Cooper



JOHN BRADLEY BEILTZ

"Beaker, Bandit, Bill and J.B."
Youngstown, Ohio
Biology — Army

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; Cadet Program Board 4, 3; Cadet Escort Committee 3, 2, 1; Reglligious Council 3, 2; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Cpl., Sergeant, First Lt., 2nd Bat. Staff; Karate Club 4, 3, 2; Cheerleader 1; Salem Social 1; Recando Qualified; Who's Who

This quiana-clad youth arrived at VMI from Ohio August 1978 determined to impart his "program" upon the institute, but quickly just the opposite began taking place. Little Beaker was suppressed and depressed, but when Third class year rolled around, he impressed everyone with academic grandeur. Second class year with Ring-Figure, Homecoming King, and L.A. Beach. Fell just a notch short of the John that's recently emerged. The Bandit, Barb, coveted stripes, FCP, Gecko survivor, and now Meo-school on the horizon it seems John's long hours of study, perseverance, and hard work are paying off. Beak has learned much from the institute and no doubt will go far with this knowledge.

GDM III

What can I say that hasn't been said. Mom, dad and Bill you have been the stabilizing force throughout my cadetship your love has been the key to my success; I love you all. There are so many other people who have been influential in my life, my great roommates, dykes, and other bio buddies, Barb and especially the buills gang from Y-town, thanks for all you have done for me. Art, take care and always be strong. Finally Brother Rats you guys are fabulous, good luck and God Bless.

JBB

DYKES 1979: Bob Norris
1985: Art Massaro

HARRY THOMAS BITZBERGER

"Scruples, Roy, Hank, H.T., Philly"
Secane, Pennsylvania
English — Air Force

Private — 1st Class

He enters — a boy . . . I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to all who have supported me throughout these past four years. To my loved ones — I love you and I've tried to make you proud. To my classmates — Thanks for the advice and criticism, it was much needed and greatly appreciated. To anyone associated with VMI — past, present, or future — "upon your sword sit laurel victory and smooth success be strew'd before your feet!" (W. Shakespeare Ant. and Cleo act 1:III) Appolo, Dog, Ed . . . my best — always! I have mixed emotions concerning my brief stay at the "I" and as graduation approaches I can think of but one word that sums up my feelings — "Ayeee yah!" which according to James Clavell "means pleasure or anger or disgust or happiness or helplessness . . ." (Tai-pan) — and leaves — a man . . .

DYKES 1979: Greg Weaver, Mark Gentile
1985: Rich Williams, Pat Mcguire, John Jordan

JOEL DAVID BODNAR

"Joe, Nar, BFB, The Funk, Slob Job"
Voorheesville, New York
History — Army

VMI Cadet 3, 2, 1; Ad Manager 2; Business Manager 1; Sounding Brass 4, 3; Managing Editor 3; Equestrian Club 3, 2, 1; Col. John E. Towns Award 2; Hunter Safety Instructor 1; Number 1 Club; Publications Board Member 1; Publication Board Meritorious Service Awards 3, 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Buddy Club 2, 1

It was my decision to attend V.M.I. My first impression of V.M.I. was that it looked like a prison. As I look back on my four years here, I realize that it is a piece of my heart that was imprisoned here.

My thanks goes out to people like Juice, Doc, Murph, Denny, Moose, Shaun, Ted, and Chuck, you made this place bearable. Mom and Dad, you sweated through four years with me; I told you I'd make it. Grandma and Grandpa you made my stay possible. Steve and Jeff thanks for being my friends and for being there when I needed you. Finally Paige, you stole what was left of my heart, thank you for being wonderful.

— J.D.B.

DYKES 1979: John Ozolins
1985: Kurt Cook, Mike Wooten

JOHN KEITH BOHON JR.

"Bo, Bo-ho, Hobo, Twitch, etc."
Roanoke, Virginia
Biology — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; SPS 1; Cadet Waiter 3; MHBSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC Sales Assistant 2; Undecided Major 4, 3; All-Pro 2; Pink Floyd Fanatic; PT 109 Cave Dweller; Col. Reeves Fan Club 3, 2, 1; Dr. Monsour Disciple 4, 3, 2, 1; Special Student 4, 3, 2. 1

Keith came to VMI as a good-natured, carefree, and fun-loving lad from Roanoke and will leave a scholar, well-disciplined and in prime condition (well, at least in principle). He will take with him an array of pleasant memories. Some may remember his norellco "bowl" haircut as a rat, which made him an instant success with his corporals and once the end was near, when he accumulated 71 demerits in one semester; yet good fortune looked his way and he was spared. Yes, Keith had a talent for getting himself into a variety of amazing predicaments and he was an abundant source of good humor. To elaborate on this, Keith is the only person I've known to actually slip on a banana peel! More seriously, Keith has been a fine friend and has made these past four years bearable. Keith . . . see you on the "dark side of the moon."

RRZ

DYKES 1979: Dave Houser
1985: Ken "Cone Head" Cade

ROBERT BURR BORN

"Clyde, Snake, Spot, Wojo, Hoover"
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
History — USMC

Rat Training; Cadre; Cpl.; Sgt.; 1st Lt.; Rat Company Commander; Marine Detachment; OCS; Young Democrats; Phi Kappa Phi; Ghoti-Rogi; Hop Escort Committee; Marine Corps Marathon

When Mr. Ethnic ventured south, southern etiquette took a turn for the worse. From finding the perfect girl in ONJ to putting Miller in financial bliss, Rob has always maintained his unique Clydian identity. We're sure that Rob regrets leaving all of his "wild women" behind, but he must pursue his career goals of being a premier onion farmer or a winter fashion designer. Although we're sure that Rob will be the Commandant of the Marine Corps, we know that he will do well in all of his endeavors, for he radiates a certain "essence" unique unto himself.
Rob,

Of the five digits you are the index, you have provided the necessary strength and stability that has kept us together. You were the consistent support in times of trouble and the main attraction when the times were good. You've been more than a roommate, you've been a father, brother, and always — a life long friend.

I would like to thank my parents and family for their constant support, prodding, and backing. Without it I could not have made it.

RBB

DYKES 1979: Tom Kovach
1985: Rob Gardner

JOSEPH STANLEY BOUCHELLE III

"Boo, Bouche, Slouch, Happy"
Shepherdstown, West Virginia
English — Army

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Treas. 2, Pres. 1; Timmins Society 3, 2, 1, Vice Pres. 2, Pres. 1; The Cadet 2, 1, Social Editor 1; Private 4, 3; Token Corporal 3; Private 2; Cinderella Lt. — 1st Battalion Tour Guide (S-5) 1; Fencing 4, 3; Army Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; Theater — "Brother Rat" 4; "24 Club" 2, 1; Gonszogram Interpreter 2, 1; 3.0 Club (Finally) 1; Weekly "New Love" Club 2, 1; Wimp 4; Nerd 3; Human 2; Cadet 1

How does one express 4 years of "the VMI experience" in 150 words? especially an English major? Well, here goes . . .

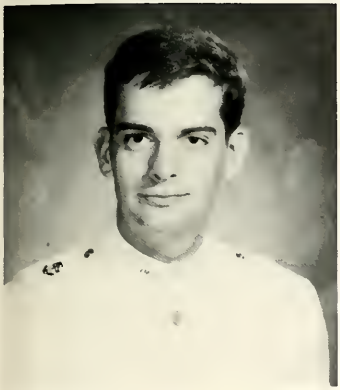
I honestly cannot tell you how much this place has done for me. I came here an immature, naive, purposeless person, and I feel I'm coming out a man. — more — importantly, a VMI man. I now know what being a "cadet" really is and I've done my best to become one.

To anyone I've hurt or disappointed along the way — I apologize. To all my great friends — and you know who you are — *Thanks*. You're all very special and I owe you a lot. To the inspirational Doc Foster, Best of luck — I wish you all the wisdom you so diligently strive for. To the special ladies — thank you for making this monastery bearable. To my roommates: "She loves me" Thanks for putting up with me — My falling in love once a week — my "morals" — my "studying French" and my token rank. Finally and most importantly — thanks to God and my parents. I can never repay you — but trust me — I'll try.

Finally to everyone from the Desiderata:
Go placidly amid the noise and haste
and remember what peace there may be in
silence.

Peace my friends I love the VMI and I'll miss it.

Goodbye



JOHN MICHAEL BOYD

"Beak, John, J.B., Galacticus"
Doswell, Virginia
Physics — Navy

Pvt. Cpl. 1st Sgt. A Co. Commander; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Physics Students 4, 2; President of TCFC; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Univ.; BSU 4; Academically Distinguished 4, 3; Dean's List 2, 1; Sigma Pi Sigma

After living with John for 4 years, I dare say there's anyone here who knows him better than I. John has given back to V.M.I. in his years here and he's enriched the people who have worked closely with him. He has always had a specific goal in mind at V.M.I. — to get into the Nuclear Power School and now he's achieved it. We have no doubt that he will continue to be a success through life. Thanks John for being a good friend during the good times and bad. Good luck to you and Susan. And so I don't think our fathers would mind their contributions.

WSC '82

A special thanks to my family for their support and to my roommates for their help in the clutch. Good luck to all my brother rats. Susan I love you.

JMB '82

DYKES 1979: Parke Smith
1985: Michael Steen

TIMOTHY JOHN BOYLAN

"T.J., Beemus, Tim"
Falls Church, Virginia
History — Army

Airborne School; Army Infantry; AUSA 2, 1; English Society 4, 2, 1; Randy Mac Attack Club 1; NOVA Exchange Program 3; Newman Club 4; J.J.S. Philosophy Club 1; SKOAL Brother 4, 3, 2, 1; Divisional Inspector 1; Weight Lifting 2

No individual comes to VMI and gets through here without the help of many friends along the way. I wish to thank my Brother Rats, especially Charlie, John, Chuck and Murry for putting up with me and welcoming me back after a year's absence. But of all the people who have helped me get through the "I", no two individuals deserve more credit than my parents. I wish to thank them for all the love and encouragement they have given me throughout these last four years. It is because of them, that my goal of graduation has become a reality. Finally, I wish to thank my friend Edward Jude Kuner and the Institute for providing me with the opportunity to learn what true friendship and comraderie are all about.

T.J.B.

DYKES 1979: Pandy Young
1985: Ray Cervera

WILLISM JAMES BRADLEY III

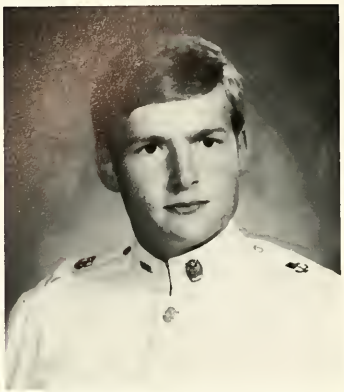
"Little One, Stump, Troll, W.S."
Billerica, Massachusetts
English Major — Marine Corps

Accomplishments/Organizations: Rat Training; Cadre; Cpl.; 1st Sgt.; Cpt., S-3 Lt.; Chairman TCFC, Marine Detachment; OCS; Pre-Law Society; Young Democrats; Phi Kappa Phi; Ghofi-Rogi; "A"; Chairman Hop Escort Committee

History: The little man with the giant ability to use his mouth, arrived here in August of 1978, and he hasn't shut up yet. He became a Velcro ranker, and a day-student cadet, while finding *the* woman six times. Progressing from being tied in bed his Rat year, to having his own private parking space his First Class Year, this tiny Marine has finally settled down to a steady diet of Hollins College and 3.0 cuts.

Bill, of the five digits, you are the thumb. Friendship as ours comes but once in a lifetime . . . We've lived and grown together in the past four years, sharing both the joys and the sorrows. We are united for life; no matter where our separate paths may lead, because we know that we will always be *together*.

DYKES 1979: Thomas Richard McCarthy
1985: Mike Canady



DAVID LEE BRATTON

"Quasimodo, Casper the Friendly Ghost, The Fly, Mr. Bad, Braat"
Keysville, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Rugby 3, 2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Blessed Private 1; Society of Young Economists; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Economics Scholarship 2; Radford Road Club 1; Member of the Corrupters Int. 3, 2, 1

The process of graduating from VMI has definitely been one that will forever be in my memory. Times have been good and bad. The only problem is that the bad outweighed the good. I have met many different types of people here, most will definitely fade from my memory but some will be remembered. Louis, I will never forget the times we had together. Especially the nature hike weekend. We definitely had an experience whether it was partying or studying. Wags, Wild Bill it was great rooming with you. Good luck in your endeavors. Mom and Dad, I would have never made it through if it wasn't for your undying love and support. Meg, you are definitely one of the best things that has happened to me at VMI. You helped me survive at times when it seemed tough. Good luck to all my friends. I don't regret the experience. AMF VMI. Later on!

DYKES 1979: Higgenbotham, J. E.
1985: Dezern, C. P.; Mclamore, L. H.

HARRY BRIESMASTER III

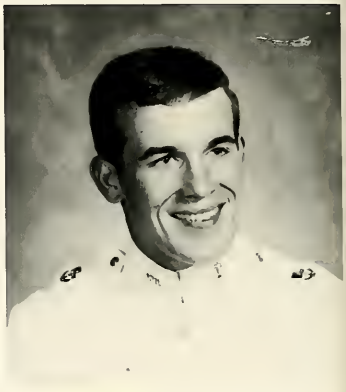
"Buddy, Breeze, Bud, Buster"
Crozier, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

2nd Battalion S-4; Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; MHBSA 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1

Buddy. It is an appropriate nickname since it is synonymous with the word "friend." You were always there to help like a true fraternal brother. I know of no one who worked harder to pursue excellence where most would settle for mediocrity. How can I begin to thank you for being my companion when I needed one most? As we go our separate ways I can only wish you happy trails, for I could never say good-bye to such a close friend. Hit the beach, you deserve it.
RPC '82

I would like to thank all my friends who have made these last four years bearable especially the good times. Thanks to my parents who have been my backbone, without them behind me I couldn't have done it. Also, thanks to the one who has made my life much happier (she knows who she is). Good luck to all my friends.

DYKES 1979: Steve Scaglione
1985: Haydeb Bayer



ROBERT PATRICK BRIGGS

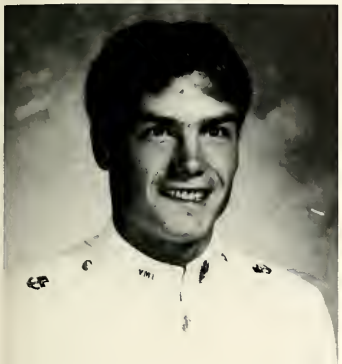
"Toaster, Briggsey"
West Mifflin, Pennsylvania
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; First Sgt., Reg. Sgt. Major 2; 2st Bat. S-1 1; IEEE 2, 1; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; New Life Prayer Fellowship 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Acad. Distinguished 4, 3, 1; Phi Kappa Phi; Etta Kappa Nu (Pres.); Hop and Floor 4, 3; Scuba Club 1; Karate Club 4, 3; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; Reserve Officer Assoc. 2, 1

Well, where do I begin? These last four years have been an experience that I'll probably never forget! I've learned so much about myself and other people; I thank the Lord that He has allowed me to go through it all. Dot, Chad, Timmy, Scottie, Rich, you guys know that all will work out for you in life (Rom. 8:28). Chris R. thanks for being a buddy and be the best sailor you can be. Chaplain and Mrs. C., Barney and Marie, Jim and Pam, know that there will always be a spot in my heart for you all and I love you! Suiq, thanks for being my friend through it all. Finally, Steve and Mom, I can't even express in words my gratitude. I can only pray that I have added some joy to your lives. God Bless you both always! Dorey and Johnie know I'm always here to help if you need me. "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."
(John 8:36).

R.P.B.

DYKES 1979: Joe Jenkins
1985: Doug McGowen, John Meissel



MARTIN HOWARD BUEHLER IV

"Chip"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

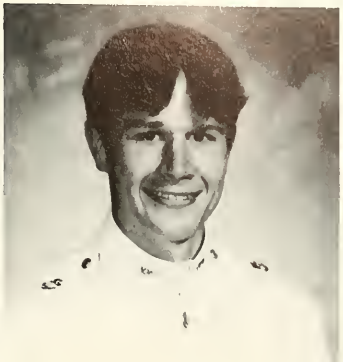
RDC 1, Secretary; ASCE Student Chapter Member 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillery Club 2; Drug Committee 2; Heart of Fayetteville Club Summer of '81; Army ROTC

Before I ever got here for matriculation, I had my mind set on graduating from this place. I came here to get a job when I graduate, also because I felt I needed a kick in the rear to get going. Through my four years at VMI I feel I've learned a few things about myself and others around me. This place is really great for those who need this environment to succeed, but for some the benefits aren't as great.

There have been many good times I'll never forget though (many of which took place when I was supposed to be a good cadet, sound asleep). The friendships and togetherness are also high points worth remembering, because without these ties many cadets wouldn't make it.

In all, I'd say I've had a fairly good experience here at VMI (even though it might not sound like it from what I've written so far). I'd just like to end by thanking my parents and friends for putting up with me and helping me throughout these four long years. I'd also like to say, Good Luck to all my B.R.'s. I hope you all have a fruitful future. We finally made it. Take care.

DYKES 1979: Dave Choplinski
1985: Mike Cook



DOUGLAS ALAN BURCH

"Doug, Poo-Poo Hero, D.A."
Lexington, Virginia
History — U.S.M.C.

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Jack Daniels Society 2; Co-Founder Jack Daniels and Chuck Wallopin' Society 1; Puke Hill Gang 2; Cockroach Safari Club 1; VMI Firefighters 1; Int. Relations Club 1; Spanky's for Lunch Bunch 2; Saturday Sippin' Society 2, 1; Frustrated Marine 4, 3, 2; Zoomie 1; Apathy International 4, 3, 2, 1

I've roomed with Doug these past four years. He came to VMI a very motivated Marine Corps Officer Candidate, equipped with issues and issues of SOF magazine. He knew a T62 from a T54 and a BMP from a APC. Needless to say, I assumed all guys at the "I" were as military as he was.

Doug's motivation subsided by the end of his third-class year. After an exciting summer cruise, he even decided to give up his "rat" haircut. Yes, Doug has changed quite a bit. He is now an easy-going Air Force Officer Candidate, although SOF magazines still occupy a bit of space on the bookshelves. Take care and Good Luck.

C.T.R.

Thanks to my family for all of their support (and money), and to Neal, Bill, and Chipper for being there when I needed them. To my brother, Mike — Your memory was my inspiration.

D.A.B.

DYKES 1979: Anthony B. Pats
1985: Jim Begley, Bob Lindgren, L. C. Warren

DOUGLAS NORWOOD BURDETT

"Dujazz, Cadet Burdett"
San Antonio, Texas
English — Army

The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia; Regimental Band; Lacrosse Club 4; Orienteering Club 4; Pep Band 4, 3; Cadre Cpl. 3; Rat Training Cadre 3; Producer, 3rd Class Show; English Society 3, 2, 1; Timmins Music Society 3, 2, 1; Cadre Sgt. 2; Ring Figure '82 Flowers Comm.; Young Republicans 2; AUSA 2, VPI; Airborne School 2; VMI Theatre 1, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"; "The Rainmaker"; Ski Club 1

Doug was just as obscure and unknown as the rest of us on that dreadful day back in August of '78. We weren't really sure just how to handle him, never having seen a sense of humor run a twenty-four-hour-a day shift. But when it did take breaks, we found we had a friend who knew what he was talking about with an insight greater than many of us had expected or even seen before. With such a personality it wasn't long before his obscurity had spent itself out. He seemed to have developed an extraordinary fondness for girls' schools and became somewhat of a welcome threat to them. We leave now, still strangely bewildered as to just who this guy was, and not quite ready to guess all that he will become.

DYKES 1979: Jeffrey G. Smith, Jr.
1985: A. Graham Shirley, II

KILLING IS MY BUSINESS...
AND BUSINESS IS GOOD.

WILLIAM NICHOLS BURNETTE

"Wild Bill, Little Green Sprout, Bill"
Lexington, Virginia
Economics — Navy

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3 (Damn); NROTC Scholarship, (On and Off); Apathy Int'l 4, 3, 2, 1; Jack Daniels Society 2; Co-Founder Jack Daniels and Chuck Wallopin' Society 1; Cockroach Safari Club 1; Puke Hill Gang 2; Bowling League 1; Spank's for Lunch Bunch 2; Saturday Sippin' Society 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 2, 1

I guess the highlight of my rat year was breaking out of the Ratline on my eighteenth birthday. Thanks '79, it was one helluva party! The ultimate boredom of Third-Class year, THE RING, the Puke-Hill Gang and the Jack Daniel Society and finally just being a First. These four years have been the best and worst times of my life. The friendships forged here will last me a lifetime. Thanks to all those who shared in good and bad, mostly to Doug, who was always there with a shot in the arm (?) when I needed it.

"If it's Wednesday, this must be Pizza Hut!"

I didn't get to really know Bill until the first semester of our second class year. Whether it was depression or just a common trait of insanity caused by this place which caused our paths to cross I'm not sure of, but his wit, humor, and comradeship during the past two years have made life here much more bearable. Bill, you'll be one of the few people at the "1" that I'll have any favorable memories of. Good Luck to you always.

D.A.B. '82

DYKES 1979: Dave Woolwine
1985: Joe Klaus, Tommy Pully

BRADFORD ALDEN BURNS

"Froggy"
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Chemistry — Army

Track 4; Swimming 3; Cadet 4, 3; Phi Ri Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1; Dyke School 2; Cell Block 46 2, 1; DMS/DMG (Laugh that one up funny man)

In leaving, I must thank those who made my graduation possible: my Bio BR's Woody, Organ, Geko, Beaker, Skull, Craw, Bugs, Ears, Skutt, Stretch, and Little Phil — without you I would not have made it this far or through courses like "The Gup Machine," "Curly, Bald Dumpy, Sutter," "Orgasmic," or "KY-207."

Thanks also goes to Chuck West '79 whose smiles managed to quell the never ending Third Class Blues and to my BROTC Charlie Sanger who almost cared about Advanced Camp '81. To my roommates — Ike, Sof, Mond, Stumper, and Distillery Pits. — thank you for teaching me to live like an animal, and for infamous "Dyke School." Chris, *you* are the grossest man in barracks, but Shaun, rest easy, *you* have the SICKEST mind.

Special thanks goes to my Dad '56, for the Parental Scholarship that made the stage crossing possible, and thanks too, to my mom, sister, and grandmother for their endless support, love, and emergency financial aid.

DYKES 1979: Dave Jeter
1985: Mat Hadley

CHARLES ASHLEY BURRELL

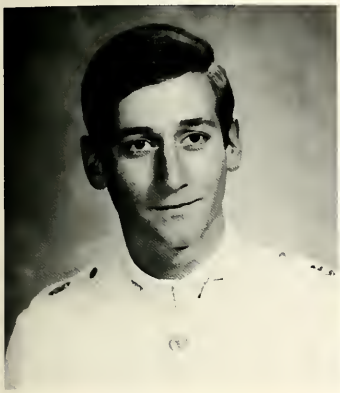
"Young Ashley, Y.A."
Fort Ritchie, Maryland
German, History — Army, Artillery

Dean's Honor List 6 Semesters; Academically Distinguished 5 Semesters; 2 Year Army ROTC Scholarship Winner; American Legion Silver Medal for Military Excellence; 1st Corporal; 1st Sergeant; Reg. Sgt.; Bn. x-o

"How weary a state flat and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world. Fie on't, ah fie tis an unweeded garden That grows to seed things rank and gross in nature Possess it merely. That it should come to this!"

Hamlet I.ii.

DYKES 1979: Don V. Wells
1985: David S. Hunter



ANDREW SCOTT BURRIS

"Bird, Bedio"
Mclean, Virginia
History — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA Marshall Awards 3, 2, 1; Rut Club 309 3; Recondo Summer Camp '81

Andy has been one of the most dependable cadets that I've known in my stay at VMI. Although those of us that remember Andy during Ring Figure Weekend, when one of the most critical elements of civilized man's development, the acquisition and utilization of precious time, was completely forgotten by him and resulted in our being late to every event that weekend, did question his dependability. Aside from his dependability and sense of humor, Andy is known for his voice which is incredibly loud. In fact many cadets were surprised to learn that the source of the ear piercing gyaaa-gyaaa-gyaaa that woke them from their afternoon rack was not a blast from a fog horn of an ocean liner, but the small frame and steely vocal cords of Andy. And who could forget the Sunday afternoon pictures (and pitchers!), the late nite T.V., West Point and road trips. However those who are fooled into believing his small frame represents a meek nature do not know that pound for pound Andy is the strongest, fiercest man now in the Corps.

J.F.C.

I would like to thank the following for their support and encouragement w/out whom May 15 would not have come, Ian, Liz, Boo, Jim, my B.R.'s and especially Mom, Dad and Tracey. Thanks again and I love you all.

A.S.B.

DYKES 1979: Bob (Uncle Stosh) Morris
1985: Joe (The McDonut) McDonough, John (Maxwell) Smart

MICHAEL RAYMOND BURT

"Rock, Kazoo, Bert, Milamore, Buddt"
South Otselic, New York
Civil Engineering — Army

Baseball 4, 3; Soccer 4, 3, 2; Young Democrats 4, 3; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; ACSE Photographs 1; Ski Club 1; UD Football 1; GHC 3; W&L Law Club 1

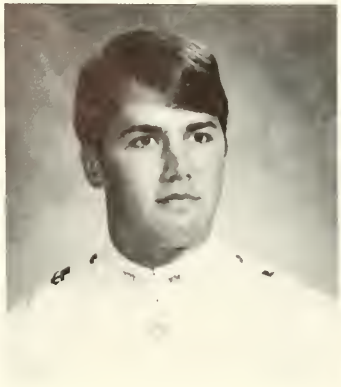
Mike Burt came here from South Ostelic, N.Y. looking for the good times and bright lights associated with the college scene. He came expecting to play soccer and baseball, to do a lot of partying and maybe a little studying when he got a chance. Well he ended up playing some soccer and a little baseball, partying up to his expectations and a whole lot more studying than he expected.

But even in the face of Physics II and dynamics tests he always kept an unsurpassable sense of humor about him. And if things were getting dull around barracks his fertile imagination always came through for us. Whether planning road trips to taking pictures at C.E. seminar, Mike did things with a style all his own.

Maybe the school hasn't lived up to his expectations but the "Rock" has lived up to ours. Good Luck Buddy.

Special thanks to Dr. J. R. (coach) Sculley. And thanks to Mom and Dad without their support it could never have been possible.

DYKES 1979: Jeff Goldhart, Richard McGruder
1985: Tommy Roltsch



DAN LOGAN BUTLER

"PT, Bulldog, The Butt, D.B."
Arlington, Virginia
History — Army

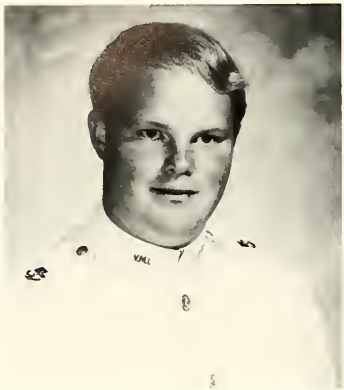
Ranger Platoon 4; Special Student 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3; RFYL 3, 2; Weight Room Supervisor Weightlifting; Dean's Other List; Cadet Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Number One Club

"Bittorf bring me my . . ., Ceroli get my . . ., Get Out!" Between watching his hair grow, lifting weights — academic and iron, listening to the Rolling Stones, and seeing Lisa, Dan ran shit. We were forewarned of these uptown adventures with Dirt, Tom, Dave and Harry by Ebenezer cracking the vault where the sun rarely shined. Logan, the man who brushes his teeth three times a day and takes how many vitamins?, has he shaved yet? Dan's sole ambition seems to be to join the Secret Service and to go to Russia. Maybe they'll overlook the way he walks. But really we can put up with his snoring, towels do wonders, boots work too. Dan where would we have been without you, we always knew that when our attempts to enforce the system or make our feeling felt drew violent reaction and the room was threatened you'd be behind us, steel bar in hand? Good luck, friend and roomie.

GJF

Thanks Mom and Dad and Lisa without whose help this would not have been possible.

DYKES 1979: Tom White
1985: Mike Ceroli, Steve Bittorf



STUART EVERETT BYRD

Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Rugby 2, 1; MHBSA 3, 2, 1, Pres.; Number 1 Club

Hey Dad;
If this is U.N.C., why are the colors red, white, and yellow?

DYKES 1979: William Massie Meridith
1985: Jeffery P. Norris

JOHN FRANCIS CAMPION

"Camp, Johnno, Cheech, Stink, Sluggo and Pit Viper"
North Brunswick, New Jersey
English — Army

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Dean's List; President, Treasurer and Secretary Commandants 5% Club

How do you chain a Keydet some call crazy? How do you teach a fledgling when not to fly? What do you do when he looks at you and wonders why? . . . What can you say about Campion? . . . What can't you say? Born with a flame thrower instead of a mouth . . . obnoxious, sensitive, crude, caring, compulsive, dynamic and always, always a character . . . one of the best guys I've ever known. From "Socko" to Schmietzen it's been a lot of good times . . . "Mr. Campion that will be a 5-1-5" . . . it's been a lot of bad times . . . it's been a lot of memories . . . Rock Vock . . . Pendote . . . Hot potatoes under the tables . . . rack attacks . . . roombee . . . ERPS! . . . blood vessels . . . Saturday night brawls . . . Sunday morning depressions . . . Babio . . . Sun Gods . . . Ring Figure and locked doors . . . Dunno her lasnahmah (lots of them) . . . wookie . . . Petie and the "A" team. Remember? What would we have done without Campion's escapades to talk about . . . always the wayward Cadet . . . We could have killed you on numerous occasions but we'll always love you . . . you JERK!

DYKES 1979: Dolphin Overton
1985:

ROBERT MICHAEL CAMPIONE

Albany, New York
History — Army

. . . I have forgotten.
And then they left for . . .

DYKES 1979: Paul Ramey
1985: John Parente

JOHN JOSEPH CARVIL, III

"Cool"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army

IEEE 2, 1; HMWH Club 1; Bravo Rat Co. XO 1; Pvt. 4, 3½, 2, 1

John came to VMI having one strike against him; his dyke had met his sister. We soon became close friends by participating in many hours of KO-KU and this is where we learned his real name Cool. Cool got his nickname because he was too cool for school, as he proved throughout his cadetship.

Cool proved he was cool in his 3rd class year by trying to set a new trend for Spring Parade, no shoes! He also stormed New York like Grant took Richmond by belting down Manhattans and with tears in his eyes ordering another.

You could never tell what was going through his head; he was the first to bring up the idea to run the block or raid a W&L Dorm.

He was highly motivated by one army captain so much he made up a jody for him.

All I can say, to wrap this up is, if it wasn't for cool's antics my cadetship would not be considered complete.

Thanks to my parents for all their support the past four years.

DYKES 1979: Mark Byrd
1985: Tug McGraw, Kelly Berkhimer

WILLIAM RUSSELL CAULFIELD

"Garfield, Funkfield, Slim, Bear, Bubbles, Skinny"
Springfield, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

"Private and Proud" 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; Ring Construction 2; Scouter's 2; Mess Hall Committee 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 1; "Corrupters" 1; Cell Block '45' 3, 2, 1

Bill came to VMI under the false pretension that he was going to enjoy VMI, but as soon as he saw the place he knew he was mistaken. Somehow Bill endured his first year and when he came back his 3rd class year, he vowed not to let VMI ruin his laid-back ways. Bill corrupted another one of our BR's into his lifestyle, Jamie McDonald. Bill and Jamie were inseparable. They spend the majority of their 3rd class racking and visiting the PX. Bill was dealt a sharp blow when he returned his 2nd class year and found out Jamie was not returning, but the two are still very close friends. Bill spent his 2nd class year watching out for his brother Kevin, reading, studying, and hitting the bars regularly. Jolly Bill has made many friends here since his rat year. Everyone likes a man who can take a joke and not lose his temper. I know we in room 218 have dished out a lot, but Bill, all of us know we have made a friendship that will last the rest of our lives. Thanks for all the good times we've shared and we wish you the best of luck in the future. If you ever need help, you can count on me, but I'll never forget about CS-331.

SRB

DYKES 1979: Thomas Manley
1985: Glen Lisella, Tom Delaney

JOHN MADDOX CHANDLER

"Melon Head, Pumpkin Head"
Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

Cadet Program Board 4, 3, 2, 1, Sec. 2, Pres. 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; LeJeune Hall Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 2, 1; IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; SAME 1; Rat CE Tutor 1

Did you ever wonder why the power went out in barracks and the lights went out during the 1984 Breakout Supper? Did you ever hear the falling glass in the court yard after an explosion? When you were a rat, did you wonder why the upperclassmen with the big head drilled a snowball through your transom?

After rooming with John for four years, I became familiar with the ways of a master terrorist, But John's contributions weren't just limited to mischief; John constantly strived to make life better for the rest by fighting for improvements in LeJeune Hall and by presiding over the C.P.B. I was privileged to room with John and am also indebted to his parents for their hospitality. Good hunting in the future.

F.C.M.

DYKES 1979: Jeff Curtis, Jack Stevenson
1985: Palmer Hamilton, Tucker Maloney

STEPHEN OTTO CHECCA

"Checcaco, Steveoe, Checks, Shifty, Little Chit I"
Oyster Bay/Glen Cove, Long Island, New York
History — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Editor 1982 Ring Figure Magazine; Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, 1, President 1; Co-Chairman Ring Figure 1982; Rugby 2; Bomb Staff 3, 4; Cadet Program Board 2, 1; Number One Club 3; Illegal Car Club 4, 3, 2; Ring Figure's Cadet Cliff Painting Committee 2; The West Point Mule Abduction Squad 1

I will always remember the first day I met Steve. There was a Zollimans Party third class year and I needed a ride; much to my surprise was it to come from my future roommate! Meeting Steve has been an experience that I will always cherish as do all who meet him. Steve possesses a certain "charm" which can not easily be explained. Few people have come up with such "off the wall' and carried them out as successfully as has Steve. He is a hard worker and seldom works only for himself. Steve constantly involves himself in projects in an effort to benefit others. Steve has certainly set his mark upon VMI. The mention of his name will bring about stories that will be told and retold, from Cliff Painting for Ring Figure to mule "borrowing" for the sake of fulfilling an ambition set as a rat. Thank you, Steve, for making my stay at VMI a more eventful experience, but most of all, thank you for being a loyal friend. Success awaits you, whichever path you choose.

G.F.M.

Dad, thanks for your patience and understanding. Mom, your constant love and support. Bob, for my cadetship, and to the rest, for being my family. Again, thank you.

DYKES 1978: Mark Gentile
1979: Meade Spotts,
1985: Gerry "rodent" Bessette
'Fred "Otter" Potter

MARK PETER CIARROCCA

"Choke, Fang III, S.O.L."
Westfield, New Jersey
English — Army

Honor Court 2; Prosecutor 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, Captain 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Pre-Law Society 3, 2, Sec./Treas. 1; Chairman Ring Figure '82; Douglas Carter France, III Memorial Award; Who's Who; Bamboo Lane, Charter Member 2, 1; GMT Club 1; Quarters Club 4, 3, 2, 1

For 4 years, Mark has done one thing very well: he has been able to walk the delicate line between being a leader and a member of the "Good Old Boys"; and has done both remarkably well. During the week he has worked hard in performing his duties to the Corps and studying his academics. But on the weekends, there are few people that any of us would rather go out with and have a good time. That's what makes Mark such an all around good guy and I'm sure he'll always be that way.

GRH

It has been an interesting 4 years, and I owe the Institute much. Brother Rats: Thank you for your faith and confidence. To all of the boys on Bamboo Lane, especially my roommates, thanks for putting up with all the commotion, and you guys are the greatest. Finally, to my family. You all have been the strength I've needed during the good and rough times, thank you all. I can't say how grateful I am and how much I love you.

As they say in Wildwood
See ya

DYKES 1979: John George
1985: Robert "Trout" Bass, Steve Green, Dave "Eagle Beak" White, Ralph "Herdling" Tremaglio

ROBERT PATRICK CLARK

"R.P., R.P. Clarky, Tin Man Birdman"
Syracuse, New York

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 4; Dean's List 4; ASCE; VMI Theater 4, 3, 2; RFYL; TCFC Society of Physics Students 1; Mallory Hall B.S. Association (Token Yankee) 4, 3, 2, 1

Robbie lives to have a good time any way he can whether it be running across campus in a stupor, simple fun running, or running to conquer some girls dorm at Baldwin or Tech. R.P. will always be remembered as the happy go lucky Irishman from Syracuse — good luck in the Navy. Enjoy life for all it's worth.

H.B. and J.K.M. '82

Life is spiced with pleasures and hardships and in few places is it more evident than VMI. No matter what the future holds, I will look back with fondness at all the times someone cared, lent a helping hand, or just listened. With all my heart I want to thank my family for their love and support over the years. My brother Tom provided me with a great lesson in humility and that I shall never forget. God Bless you.

Just remember "... Anchors Aweigh, farewell to college joys we sail at break of day."

RPC '82

DYKES 1979: Paul Green
1985: Dan Wisniewski

EDWARD MATTHEW CLARKSON II

"Mo, Terrible Ted, Reg. Ted, Terrible Teddy, Ted, Snake"
Quantico, Virginia
Physics — USMC

We matriculated 23 August 1978, Black Wednesday, as a Rat Mass. May 15th The Class of 1982 graduates! It was a hard four years.

I originally came here as a Math major, then the first day I switched to physics. So now I'm graduating as a Marine and a Physics major, an odd combination. Much to my amazement I made it through four years as a PY major.

My Rat year, I was the minority in my room. Rooming with Allen Wilson and Elliot Morales. We were members of "D Stud Delta". Third Class year, I came back early for cadre. While on the D Co. Cadre I picked up the nickname Terrible Ted from the Rats. To this day I still don't know if it was a compliment or not.

DYKES 1979: Mike Ogden
1985: Joe "Ho" Rose, Keith "Clyde" Young

DANIEL EDWARD CLYMORE

"Dan the Man, Cly, Climax, Dr. Shock"
Staunton, Virginia

Lacrosse 2, 1; VMI Boxing Team 3, 4; Ski Club 4; Ring Figure Band Committee Chairman 3; Hole in the Wall Gang 2; Bomb Staff 4; Late Movie Crew 3, 4

Above all VMI has been an intense experience. The Ratline, our 3rd class disaster, confinement, then there's Ring Figure, Football games, Graduation, both good times and bad. Friendships here will last forever, Del, Pete, Willie, Mark, Bob, Terry, Ozzie, Josh, Ashley, Gary, Bill, and Bruce to mention a few. It's time to leave VMI for the real world.

I want to thank my family for all the encouragement. Mama, Daddy thanks, it will all be worth it someday. My Grandparents have been wonderful. Grandmama thanks for all you've given me, I Love you both. I dedicate my graduation to my Grandfather, Pop. I wish he could be here to see it.

And now I thank the most wonderful girl in the world, Cindy. You've given me so much love and support. I know these 4 years have been rough. But now we have the rest of our lives together. I Love You . . .

DYKES 1979: Nick Collins
1985: Quentin Elliot, Donald Graham

RICHARD EDWIN COLLIER JR.

"Dick"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

ASCE; Scuba Club; Cadet Newspaper; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 2; Boxing Assistant 3; Mink Hunter 2; Courtyard Driver 2; Tight Rail Walker 4, 3, 2, 1; Cliff Painting Committee 2; Pi Rho Ghetto 3, 2, 1; The Chain Gang

What an experience!

VMI has been both good and bad but the good far outweighs the bad. I have learned and experienced so much in the past four years that it would be impossible to put it all down on paper.

I would like to thank my wonderful parents and family for their continual support and encouragement. I know at times I have been a tornado in your lives; thanks for bearing out the wind.

To my roommates, you will always be dear and no matter how many miles separate us as we go our separate ways, we will always be close.

Carol, you are my inspiration!
Praise God. I've finally made it!
Yeee Haaa!!!

DYKES 1979: Frank Lumpkin, UF
1985: Brian Cole, Olen Evans

JAMES CHRISTOPHER COSBY

"Cos"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Army

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 1; Westmoreland Davis Scholarship; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1, Captain 1; AUSA 1; Class Ring Construction 2; Cadet Waiter 3; College Republicans 2

Jim came from the Capital of the Confederacy for a four year stay at the Institute. I was fortunate enough to spend three of those years as his roommate. After a freshman year which included an exodus from the Institute by most of his rat roommates, Jim became a charter member of club 333. He passed the time playing hockey in the room and keeping up with young Webb's antics but never failed to keep us laughing 'til well after taps. Jim polished his debating second class year and his expertise in this area provided us with a more spacious room. Jim went off to Fort Bragg that summer and met the challenge of human relations by doing well and keeping his personality intact. First Class year he excelled academically, yet took advantage of his privileges by expanding the social aspects of his cadetship. Being an avid reader of both the Wall Street Journal and National Lampoon keeps Cos up on current trends in business and humor. But I'm sure his favorite publication will soon become the VMI Alumni Review.

Jim, take care and always remember the time we saw dog dressed as man.

DYKES 1979: Mory Wood
1985: Kirk Ring

WILLIS AUBREY COUNCIL, JR.

"Wilbur, Rip Van, Hooter, Willie"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Softball 2, 1; Table Cloth Committee 2; Cliff Painting Committee 2; Ghetto Vet 4, 3, 2, 1; Chairman Ring Design Committee 2; Ring Committee 2

When I was thrown into a room with three other bald heads, who included the likes of Will, Fidel and someone named Jeff, who never ceased laughing, I wondered how we would get along. I quickly found out that Will could always be counted on to come through despite the harassment from Doug, Chip, and Jeff. It seemed that most of the time Will was the only sane individual in the room. He has faced many difficult situations including the attempt to organize a softball club, but he has come out on top each time. Will's desire to help others enabled him to make many friends and I am happy that I got to know such a faithful friend. The Navy has gained a fine officer. See you on your battleship Will.

J.S.F.

I wish to thank all my friends, old and new, and my family for keeping me in VMI. The VMI experience is one that must be lived to be understood. Thanks for taking the time to understand me.

DYKES 1979: Ted Kientes
1985: "Black" Bart G. Williams

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT CRAMER

"Cross, Stein"
Culpeper, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Escorts 2, 1; Cadet Circulation Staff 1; 3rd Class Show 3; Herds Spot Commuter 3, 2; Number One Club 4; Heart of Fayetteville Club — Summer Camp '81; Noab's Roommate 4, 3, 2, 1; Cliff Club

I'm now counting the days until I'll be part of the "real world." Back in August of '78 I would have never thought it would get here. I've had many great times here — Goshen, Twin Falls, Macko's Place, The Hollow, Ring-Figure — and may bad times — Confinement, Summer Camp '81, and that damn tree that jumped out in front of my car on the way home. I know in years to come I'll be able to say this place was good for me. Right now I don't know. I'll always stand in awe of our Honor System — one that works! I can't begin to name all those people who have been a part of my cadetship. It would take all of this huge space they gave me to write a four year history. Just let me say thanks to everyone, especially Van, my one remaining rat roommate. Thanks Mom, Dad '54, Bart '79, Steve, Peyton, Carolee, and my sweetheart Robin, for your help and support throughout.

DYKES 1979: Steve "Action" Jackson, Dave "Mule" Crawford, Bart Cramer
1985: Billy Waff

WILLIAM SCOTT CRUMPLER

"Acrylic Man, Paragon, Sah!"
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Aco. X.O., 1st-Btn. Xo; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, Sec'y 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Orienteering Team 4, V. Pres. 3, 2, Pres. 1; ROA 1; VMI Firefighters 1; Intramural Football 2, 1; Int. Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Cabin Party 2, 1; Turtle Club 1; Azalea Festival 2, 1; TCFC-82 3, 2; Dean's List 2, 1

On August 23, 1978, I walked through the concourse one step behind Scott and we've been in step ever since. Scott epitomizes the High Standards of Honor, personal appearance and conduct — a shining example to be followed by all cadets. He was the only second classman that was more informed than his First Sergeant (I could never have done all my duties without your help Scott, Thanks!). Congratulations to a proud Cadet and a great friend. Good luck in the future.

JMB '82

While it could be said that the road least traveled is a little tougher, it is also much more rewarding. I'm glad I chose VMI; the experiences and friendships I have here will never be replaced or forgotten. To my Parents — I only hope I can do as much for you someday as you've done for me. Lynn, Chriss, and Uncle Al — your love has made it all easier. Stonewall, you were right — "You May Be Whatever You Resolve To Be."

DYKES 1979: Gleb Taran
1985: Rob Pleasants

LAWRENCE MICHAEL CURTIN

Braintree, Massachusetts

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; ASCE; Ranger Platoon 3, 2; Karate Club 4; RFYL 3, 2, 1; SFYL 1

Many are under the misconception that the VMI makes individuals into men, it is the individual who makes himself a man. The vast experiences encountered at the VMI, however, helps an individual towards manhood. My experiences at the VMI have shown me that with enough determination, physical and/or mental effort, and some degree of enthusiasm, anything can be accomplished. My experiences have also shown me the individuals who I'd stick my neck out for and those who I wouldn't give the time of day. I thank my family, Janet, and all my friends for all their help and understanding. I leave VMI a better man.

DYKES 1979: Chris Reisch
1985: Bill Wieners

MARK ALBERT DAHLINGER

"Birdman, Mad Dog, The Nose"
Annandale, Virginia
Chemistry — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Pep Band 4, 3, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Equestrian Club 3; S-5 Guided Tour Staff 4, 2; RDC 1; Circulation Manager, Bomb 2; Business Manager, Bomb 1; Softball Coach 1; ACS Public Relations Manager 1; Publication Board 2, 1; Rat X-O 1; DMS-DMG; McGovern Expedition '81

Mark has learned much about himself from VMI and in turn he also has given much of himself to the Institute. This quiet guy from Annandale knows who he is and where he is going. How else can one explain his acquisition of the multi-million dollar literary giant — the VMI Bomb with its huge nationwide circulation? Soon after this Dunkin' Dahlinger had us all working on his rise to the top of the brewing industry with Dahlinger Beer. But Mark still didn't feel a man among men and so he decided to be all he could be in the Airborne Infantry. With this achievement Marcus is ready to take on the world and with his determination and drive for excellence I doubt he'll have much of a problem. I consider myself fortunate to call Mark one of my friends and a good one he is. Best of luck Mark, and May the Road Rise with You . . .

RPM

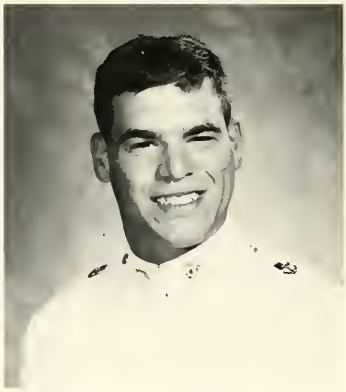
DYKES 1979: Said Mahdaviani
1985: Larry Thomas, Lloyd Hamlin

EDWARD DEGRATTENRIED DANIEL

"Jose", Sned
Civil Engineering — Marine

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Indoor Track 4,3,2,1/ Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Cross Country 4,3,2,1; Track Captain 1; Cross Country Captain 2,1; Promaj; Club 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; ASCE; No. 1 Club; Who's Who.; Nerk Bros. In Ghetto 2,1.; Cadet Assistant 1; "Cadet" Staff 1.

. . . The Nerk brotherhood in the Ghetto, the escapes under drarkness, the sneaky TACS, the girls from Sen, the fateful encounter with Breck (Alias Sandy) and Col. Gary, Confinement, amnesty, the practices, the meets, the trips, the curses, the coach, the victories, the defeats, the weekends at Lee's Tavern, the townies, the cruises, the camp, the "Jars," the ring, Psst #5, the Slams, the dykes, the "x" - Checks, the vacations. the boys from home in the News, CJO, the Car, the roommates, the hay, the letters, the bi-annual visits, purple Hayes and the courses, the study, the wonder, the Pit, the track, the teammates, the captain and Pat, the Ratline, the rolls, the food, the demerits, the sweat, the love, the hate, the hurt, the Joy, the Prayers - --. Billy, Butty, Tyson, Jack, Mom Dad. Good Luck Matt, I'll be around. N.M.O
Dykes: 1979: Phil Andrews
1982: Spencer Williams, Bruce Hill, Davis Estes.



PAUL ANTHONY D'ANTONIO

"WOPP, or for Room 150 — WOP"
Moscow, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineer — USMC

Cadre 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Bravo Co. XO; Marine Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1

V.M.I. — The things you have taught me are endless. You were an experience that only those who have conquered you can share. If there is such a thing as loving something while at the same time hating it, you are it. It is the thrill of Ring Figure vs. the agony of frustration that makes you what you are. And of course many people ask me why? I think it could be summed by Teddy Roosevelt's words of inspiration spoken to me by Maj. Mac in June of 1981 — "I'd rather have my face dirtied by both victories and defeats, than to have a clean one and never knowing either!" — Mom and Dad thanks for your support. After four long years — UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, here I come!

DYKES 1979: Tom Kovach
1985: Andy Mock, David Caruso

PHILLIP McGUIRE DAVIS

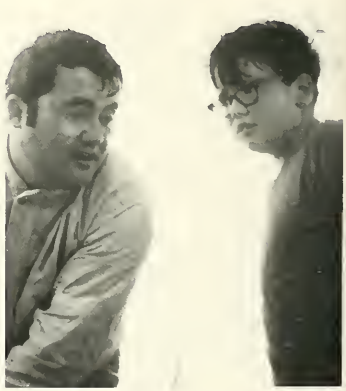
"Doc"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
English — Army

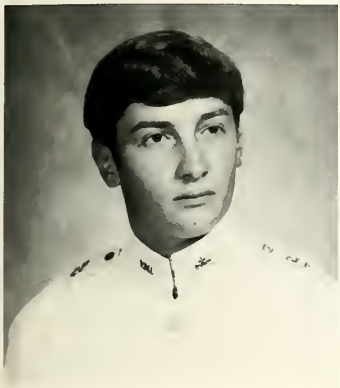
Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Dirty Dozen 3; Equestrian Club Treas. 3, 2, 1; English Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Wednesday Night Social Club; Board of Governors, Summer 1981; Bamboo Lane 2; Executive Committee Secretary 1; Red Front Ranger 4, 3, 2; Reggae Party Committee 2, 1; "Spirit of Duck's" Club 4, 3, 2, 1

There is not time nor space here to give credit to all those who have helped me through here. Without the always enduring faith of Mom and Chiefy, all would have certainly been lost. To you Mom and Dad, I pledge now as always my never ending love and gratitude. And then there are all those stalwarts of society who inhabited this place with me, to whom I also offer my gratitude. Without those on Bamboo Lane, and Ghetto who could have helped my second class year? To the boys in the Yacht Club I will always treasure your friendship. Bulldog you and I have been through a lot, and I'll never forgive you. Juice and Earl, you have been my backbone. Through all the parties in 235, we survived. Thanks boys. To the Reeve's and yes particularly Terry I owe more thanks than I can put to words. You have provided a port for me in this storm, and I will always remember that. Despite it all I would say that I don't regret it. The friends and loved ones made at VMI will always occupy a very special place in my heart. Thank you all.

PMD

DYKES 1979: John George
1985: Chuck Rogerson, John Erwin





PHILIP CHRISTIAN DEDERER

"Little Man, LP, Little Chit II, Happy Feet"
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
Biology — Medical Service — Army

Pvt. 4; Cpl.-Pvt. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Ski 4; Rat Editor — *1979 Bomb;* 3rd Class Editor — *1980 Bomb;* 2nd Class Editor — *1981 Bomb;* Managing Editor — *1982 Bomb;* Co-Editor *Ring Figure Magazine, 1982;* Quarters Club 4, 3, 2; Army Mule Abduction Team 1; National Debutante Committee 1; Recondo — Summer 81

Dateline: August 21, 1978 Harrisonburg, Pa.: Missing 1 male caucasian, 4 foot 11¾ in. tall, 90 lbs., brown hair. Last seen heading South on 81. Apparent destination — to resolve to be someone.
Dateline: August 17, 1981 Lexington, Va.: Found in the vicinity of Bamboo Lane. 1 cadet type, caucasian, . 5 foot 5 inches tall, 125 lubs. brown hair carrying a six pack (answers to Little Chit II)

To all the Moms, who always ask "How's that little kid doing?" we're pleased to report that Phil's alive, well, taller, heavier and even happier to report that he is now our roommate. Phil's provided us with many memorable quotes: on Justice — "We're getting screwed again." On partying — "Let's get a 6-pack." On UVA — "Anyone seen my shoes?" on procrastination — "Do my history yet?" We are truly sorry we've only roomed with Phil for 1 year. He rapidly adjusted to our lunacy and communal type living. Much luck to you and Sally always. One final thing that we have learned from Phil — good things do come in small packages.

JKM RGS III

I must admit that my stay at the Institute has had both good and bad times but as the years go by only the good times will remain. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything you have ever done for me. Rich, Steve and Suzanne thanks for being there, and Sally thanks for making the cloudy days brighter. I love you all.

DYKES 1979: Council C. Rudolph
1985: Mark Jackson

DARYL LEE DEKE

"Earl, Lips, Deekman, Daykey"
Miami, Florida
Economics — Air Force

I truly hope that the rumors of the value of an education at VMI come true some day after graduation, we all deserve it. I've never compromised my values while at VMI. True friends will always understand I thank VMI for giving me the confidence in myself that I can adapt to all situations. Thanks to the "Yacht Club," the "men's Room," and the rest of my life-long friends. Tanya, thanks for your love, you have mine. The rest is our future. Thanks to the Dunnavilles and the Woolwines for all the kindness you have shown me. Thanks to Dr. Monsour, "uncle Al", and the Giaccos for the advice, friendship, and understanding. To Dink and Rich; If you only knew what you did to keep me here, I couldn't ask for any better friends. To my family, Mom, Dad, Gram, and Duke. I love you all now more than ever. Thank you so much for all the opportunities. Finally, I would like to thank GOD for all of my abilities.

DLD

DYKES 1979: Dave Stocker
1985: Billy Bowman

JONATHAN HARRY DeMEO

"Little Demi, Gecko, Lizard, Octopus"
Port Washington, Long Island, New York
Biology — Army

Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Cheerleader 1; VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1; NY-NJ Club 4, 3, 2; LI Express 1; Band Co.'s Elite First Class Privates Club; Recondo Qualified 1; Co-Founder of the Carrol Hall Drinking Club; Studio 454; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2, 1

Jon came here from those uncivilized regions of Long Island. Within a short period of time, he established himself both academically and socially, peppering his GPA with 4.0s and many of his nights with fermented fluids of various types. It was often that the "Gecko" broke up the boredom of those long Carrol Hall lab nights with a smile and the sudden appearance of quantities of well-hidden brew.

Third and Second class years brought our independence, our restlessness, and our rings. Little Demi got his taste of rank as a corporal and a sergeant, and found it ultimately to his disliking, or perhaps vice-versa.

First class year was by far the most eventful for Jon. The Geckmobile made its long-awaited appearance, and it carried the four of us to that happy rendezvous at the Salem Social Club. Then came acceptance to medical school, and he realized this had all been worth it.

Well, Jon, it's been a pleasure and a non-stop source of amusement to know you. Always keep in touch. I have the utmost confidence in you. You'll do well. Never forget those lessons we've all learned here.

WSW

DYKES 1979: Wayne "Lynyrd" Skinner
1985: Chris "The Animal" Wolf

CHRISTOPHER GEORGE DEVENS

"Chris, Zeke"
Springfield, Virginia
English — Army

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; VMI Cadet 2; English Society 2, 1; Third Class Show; Flanagans Dam Band 4, 3; Dean's List 2, 1; Dean's Other List 4; Longwood Lounger 2, 1; Dine With Date 1

I certainly can't say that my four years at VMI will be my best years, but this place does have a way of bringing about memories that I'll retain forever. Emerson once said, "This time, like all others, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it." Trying to remember this while straining in the ratline or racking your brain throughout a series of exams is perhaps the most difficult aspect of VMI. I'm not going to miss the exams, the dark ages, or the unnecessary duties, but the friends and good times that will no longer be close at hand will, at times, become a source of loneliness.

I want to thank my parents for all their support through the rough times as well as the good. You've provided an inspiration without which VMI could've been a tragedy. Thanks also go to "Uncle" Al for his words of wisdom and constant caring. Last, and certainly not least, to Teresa, who has made this last 1½ years a wonderful experience. I now look forward to a beautiful lifetime together with you.

DYKES 1979: Pete Szabo
1985: Dave Barthol

TIMOTHY LAWRENCE DIGNAN

"Digger, Onion, Cherub"
South Glens Falls, New York
EE — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3; Navigators 2, 1; IEEE 1

I certainly didn't know what I was getting into when I came through limits gate for the first time, but I praise God for bringing me here and seeing me through.

Chris, don't forget to unmark the card after late study on May 16 and you better get a van so you can take your rack with you. Chad, you're a swell guy but those frostys make you swell even more. See you Alumni Weekend! Bob, I thank God for you. The past two years together have been well worth the while.

— When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.
— Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
— My sin — oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't — My sin — not in part, but the whole — Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
— And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" — it is well with my soul.

H. G. Spafford

Thank you Dad and Mom (Proverbs 22:6), Becky, Steve, and Debby for all your love! I love you!

DYKES 1979: James D. Owens
1985: Peter R. Sniffin

STEPHEN PERRY DOBLER

"Conrad, Dob"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Football 4, 3; Rugby 3; IEEE 4, 2, 1; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; New Life Prayer Fellowship 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi; Eta Kappa Nu; Scuba Club 1; ROA 2, 1; Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; FCA 4, 3; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities 1; Cadre 1

Well it's finally over and I made it. I'm not quite sure how I feel about it, though. I've been through some tough and despairing times when everything seemed so oppressing, but through these times I've met and grown close to many special friends. With them, I've been able to endure the hardships and enjoy the high points of VMI life. I will truly miss them.

I've learned a great deal these past four years. I couldn't have made it without the help of many people. I want to thank my mother for her love and support and tell my friends (Bob, Chad, Jimmy, Ron, and many others) how much I appreciate their help and understanding. I want to thank the Chaplain, Mike B., and Jim and John for the many things I've learned from you all. You have all been an inspiration to me. Rich, Stu, Wade, thanks for everything. Tanya, thank you for that new dimension you've added to my life. Most of all, thank you God for seeing me through these past few years. My departing wish is that my brother rats might find happiness and joy in all that they may encounter. (John 10:10)

DYKES 1979: John Brown
1985: Dave Morgan, Ron Reimann

ROBERT ALAN DORSEY

"Bulby, Gramps, Big Old Baby Bear"
Winchester, Virginia

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; TCFC 3, 2; Ring Construction 2; Ring Figure Band Committee 2; Cabin Party Host 4, 3, 2, 1; Turtle Club 1; Intramural Football 2, 1; Intramural B-Ball 4, 3, 2, 1; Ease Up Club 1

When I came down the road from Winchester to start my rat year, I thought I knew what to expect. After all, having a brother that graduated in 1976, I should have no problem, right? Wrong! Soon after I arrived, I found myself wondering what I was doing here. I wondered this many times as an underclassman also. But it sure feels good to be one of those who made it. However there is no way I could have gotten through without many peoples' love and guidance. My roommates always seemed to be there to help me through my studies as I strived for my 2.0. Sue and John helped whenever they could with their encouragement. However no two people helped more than good ol' Mom and Dad. I love both of them very much. If I had the time and space I could go on forever thanking people, for there are many that helped. I'm sure I'll get a chance to thank you in my own way with a loving hug or a warm handshake in the near future.

RAD '82

P.S. I've known Carey for almost 10 years. I must say there is no better friend a man could have. Carey, your day will come. Go Tech! Go Sigma Chi! Go O.D.C.!

DYKES 1979: Tim Ritzert
1985: Matt Hamilton

ANDERSON WADE DOUTHAT IV

"Do-Dat"
Roanoke, Virginia

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Institute Escort 2; HBI II; Cadet Cliff Painting Committee 2; Karate Club 4, President 2, 1; Blood Mobile 4, 3, 2; Co-Chairman 1; Ghetto Fraternity 3, 2, 1; UVA 1; Cadet Newspaper 2, 1

Hey Dad! It seems like only yesterday that you shook my hand and watched me follow in your footsteps. It took four years, but now I understand why that day and many more were harder on you than on me. VMI is only truly understood by those who have tolerated her.

To all those guys who have endured with me especially Tommy and my roommates (Dick, Vernon, and URG) you're #1. To Willy P. I say thank you and to my dykes, Kyle and Glen, I wish you good luck with your cadetship.

— AWD

DYKES 1979: Bill (Willy P.) Hamlin
1985: Glen Frank, Kyle Goldsmith

JOSEPH ROBERT MOUNTS

"Joe"
Class of 1978
Washington, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Army

Football 1; Lacrosse 1; Track 4, 3; Karate Club 4, 3, 2; Glee Club 4; Resident Homer Hall

"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows great enthusiasms great devotions, who spends himself in worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

T. Roosevelt

It's been a long eight years, so to Mom, Dad and Jon whose patience, love, understanding, support, and sacrifice has been the highest tribute one human could show another — THANK YOU.

"Were it worth the trouble? Hah, what trouble?"

DYKES 1975: Tad McGowan
1985: Ken "Donkey" Hirlinger

GUY WOODSIDE DOUGHERTY

"The Thoner, Thadeus, Monkey, VMI-Guy, Thone-bag"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Math — Army

Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 2, 1; Rat Host 4; Cadre 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Library Assistant 3, 2; Head 1; Third Lieutenant Program 2; Outpost 2; Dean's List 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1

As my cadetship comes to a close, all the bad memories are overtaken by the good. Struggling through my rat year with Rm. 446 was an experience I doubt anyone could ever forget. Then it was on to four new roommmates (Brad, Jay, Neal, Duke). Little did I know at the time what great roommates, friends, and companions they would be. I want to thank each of them for all the great times they provided. How can I ever forget all the road trips: UVA, JMU, NC State, Panama City, West Point, and my favorite, Mary Baldwin. They provided the sanity in an insane world. I want to thank Deidre for all her love during my final two semesters. Chris, Scott, and Steve, West Point was awesome. To my parents I want to thank you for all your caring and love during my weakest moments. Scott, you're a dyke above dykes.

DYKES 1979: Timmy Barger
1985: Scott Musser

CLARENCE EDWARD DRUMHELLER, JR.

"Big Ed, Fast Eddie, 'The King' "
Chesapeake, Virginia

After rooming with Ed for almost 2½ years, I think I know him as well as anyone. Rat year and room 422 has a lot of memories that neither one of us will forget.

Ed is one of the kindest and most generous people I know. He sometimes talks a lot — but basically he's a quiet guy.

If he has one problem, it's his finding the "PERFECT 10". But I'm sure he'll find her one day. (Lord knows I tried taking him to enough Zolloman Parties and Mixers to find her.)

To make it through 4 years here at the "I" takes a lot of hard work, and many nights of "Late Study". It also takes a lot of encouragment and love from one's family, and I'm sure his family is very proud of Ed.

The one thing that all of us will surely miss after graduation will be the many close friends that we've made here at V.M.I. I know that I'll miss BIG ED and his FACTS — but I also know that we'll keep in touch.

HOOTER

DYKES 1979: Bill Peacock
1985: Carl VonDorn

LESLIE ANDREW DUNNAVILLE III

"Dink, Sputterville, Mohammad Dinkum"
Roanoke, Virginia

Souther Conference Defensive Player of the Week (Army); Honorable Mention Southern Conference Team; Honorable Mention State Team; Football Team 1978-81; Monogram Club; Projami Club; Athletic Counsel; Water Skiing; Swimming; Cycling; Jogging; Music

V-M-I, what can I say about this unique institution of higher learning. We, the class of 1982, entered "Limits Gates" as individuals each having our own ideas and concepts of what makes a man. In the bottom of Lejune we became a mass and matriculates of the "Rat Line". The strong survived and I thank Richard and Daryle who have helped me through this system. Mom and Dad, I can not thank you enough for your support and encouragment. And finally I thank God the Almighty for giving me the strength to endure. To all my classmates — Good luck in every endeavor.

DYKES 1979: Carl Jackson
1985: Maurice "Moe" Thompson, Lamonte Toliver

THANE DAVID DUREY

"Froggy, Crane, Dane-oh, Stud"
Barrington, Illinois
Electrical Engineering — U.S.M.C.

President Aviation Explorer's Post 4, 3; Cadet Assistant 3, 2; IEEE 2, 1; DNG; SAME 1; Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 3; STUD 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who in Muscle Fitness; CK 4, 3, 2, 1

It's been a long four years, and I couldn't have made it without the help of a lot of special people. First, from my parents and family, whose constant encouragement and letters have gotten me through it all; from RAT year to Bulldog, thanks for everything. I love you all very much! Then there's the guys who have made this place almost fun. We've done a lot that few of us will forget and Mike mentioned most of them. Thanks you guys — Eric, Cookie, Mike, Pic. Then of course, I certainly can't forget to mention, my EE cohorts who are so very, very smart. You know who you are; besides, Brad mentioned you all in his vain history. I think we've done it all. Finally I want to give special thanks to a special friend who has made it all possible; thanks God for everything and everyone you've blessed me with. Semper Fi.

TDD

DYKES 1979: Douglas R. Doerr
1985: E. T. Bell, Jeff Sanders

MARK HARRY DURKIN

"Dirtball, Durk, Machine"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 4; MHBSA 2; Rugby 1; Ski Club 1; Run for Your Life 3, 2; Weightlifting 2, 1; ATR-TC 285

When Mark came to the Institute in August of 1978, he was processed in the usual manner — head shaved and stripped of his high school honors. In a few short weeks he had made a name for himself. Fortunately, you can't judge a book by its cover. In the past two years, I've grown to know Mark like a brother. How can I thank a roommate who is always willing to lend a hand and forever listening to stories of "Mega Depression"? I guess the best way to do it is just to say "Thanks Mark".

Tom Farmer

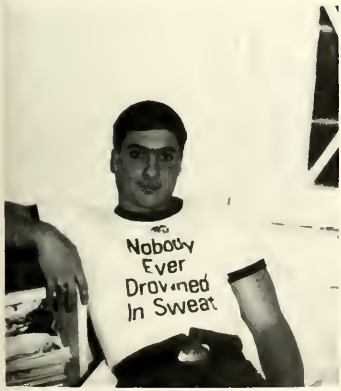
The past 4 yrs. at VMI have been short. As I write this "History" I remember the good times with my friends — road trips, hop weekends, Parties . . . The Institute has provided plenty of bad times yet they have faded as graduation approaches. I would like to send a special thanks to Tom Farmer and my family for being there when I needed you!

Mark H. Durkin

If I accept the sunshine and warmth I must also accept the thunder and the lightning.

— Kahlil Gibran

DYKES 1979: Sam G. Murphy
1985: George A. Halages (Mellon head), Chris S. Welch (07)



MICHAEL CHARLES EDEN

"E, Magic, Edes"
Baltimore, Maryland
Economics — Field Artillery

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; All Southern Conference 2, 1; AP Honorable Mention All-American 2, 1; All-State 1; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Baseball 2, 1; American Outstanding Faces and Names 2; Entertainment Director Fiji Island Party '81; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

What more can I say except I would never do it again. Trying to put my experiences from the big I into words is nearly impossible. I really don't know how I put up with all the adversity but I did and I'm glad. Four long laborious years could not have been worth it without the help of such great friends. Here's to Wool, Dink, Lips, Hole, Kyle, Showboat, Walt, and Wader — you have all been the best of friends.

To the Meades, thank you for a home away from home. Thanks also to coach White and Lombell who have been more than just coaches to me.

To the roomies — A.B., Moon, and Big Man, you're the best. I never would have made it without you all. Always good times! Never lose touch.

Last but not least, thanks to the two women in my life — Mom and Coleen — for the great love and support. I don't know how you put up with me! Love you both!

"The greater the difficulty the greater the glory."
Cicero

DYKES 1979: Jay Gede
1985: Mike Lamore, Kelly Rabner, Greg Renner

ANTONY WAYNE EDWARDS

"Apollo, Jig"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club; Football 4; Track Tri-Captain; Southern Conference Champ (Shot-Put)

BRC — No extra G.P. — H.T. in front of the mirror. Pillow-face Eddie — Dog without a "bone" — Ha!, catching Rays by the window. Taz-Gar-Runner Lady-Killer Frog and EVEN Turp for awhile, sat back in confusion when the "Generals" talked of a "Young-ster" by the name of John Henry. He had a "Puppy" sprayed with "Flea-Con" and a good pal called "Maggs." Friends are where it's at while wining and dining at the "I".

Each man will express in his own way the never dissipating impression that is made a part of his life here.

Mom and Dad, thank you for *always* being there. I could ask for nothing more. Ed, Tom, Harry, you are the best, and I wish you nothing less of that, always. Jeff and John, thank you! I pray that we as dykes have given you the foundation to grow and find all the good that VMI has to offer.

DYKES 1979:
1985: Jeff Young (G.Q. Youngster), John Lee (General)

JAMES CAROLL EDWARDS

Chesapeake, Virginia

Promaji Club; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Number One Club; Red Front Rangers; Third Class Birthday Committee; ASCE; Mexican Football Team

When I was young it seemed that life was so wonderful, ob it was a miracle, ob it was beautiful. And all the birds in the trees, well they'd be calling you sensible logical responsible practical

And they showed me a world where I could be so dependable, clinical, intellectual, cynical.

Now watch what you say or they'll be calling you a radical, liberal, fanatical, criminal,

Won't you sign up your name, we'd like to feel you're acceptable, respectable, presutable, a VEGETABLE.
Rick Davies and Roger Hodgson

I'd like to thank my parents, family, and all those on the other side of the bridge. Thanks to all the ladies at southern sem (especially Lou) for making my stay bearable. Thanks to Miller, H.L. and Mary Sue.

DYKES 1979: Jim La Rose
1985: Ken Nugent

CHRISTOPHER FRANK EICHMAN

"Ike, Spike, Nerk"
West Chester, Pennsylvania
Math — Chemistry — Navy

American Chemical Society 4, 2, 1; Nerk Brothers 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Corner 3, 2, 1; The Room "Forty Sickoes" 3, 2, 1; Professor of Dyke School 1982; JV Basketball 4; #1 Club 2

I met Ike on matriculation day; 24 August 1978. Since then we have been roommates, hell raisers, dyke school professors, nerk brothers, and most of all friends. Our friendship over the past four years has been complimented by a strong competitive nature that the both of us possess. I have grown close to his family and he, mine. Without them we wouldn't have been able to make it through VMI. Ike is not the type of individual that waits to be given an opportunity to excel, but will just go ahead and take it, whatever it may be. He is a double major in math and chemistry and will be a distinguished graduate on May 15, 1982. He has worked very hard and has developed a good foundation for a successful future. I'm glad I had the chance to learn and grow with this man. Take care of yourself bud, and stay out of trouble.

"NMO" MJS

DYKES 1979: Dean Smith
1985: Brad Gerstberien, Matt Daniel

DELMAR E. ERTZNER

"Del"
Ratford, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football; Wrestling; Track; Dungeon Crew 1; Dean's Other List

Although the dreams of football are ended, somewhat unfairly, Del has made his mark here in other ways. Suffering great pain from injuries, Del managed to get party records as a rat and his early morning prayers will never be forgotten. As an upperclassman Del majored in a good time, and a special girl. But those who know Del realize that he was always there, for a dip, for a dollar; no seriously, Del never turned down a friend in need or any friend. Some say V.M.I. will mean more to those who have really had to work for it, some day it will mean a lot to Del.

ROBERT JEFFREY ETHERIDGE

"Jeff, Jeffrey, Ether, Heath, Bingo, Bomber"
Salem, Virginia
English — Navy

Glee Club 4; Pep Band 4, 3; Dean's List 2nd Class Year, 1st Class Year; English Honor's Program 1st Class Year; Baptist Student Union 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU State Council 1; English Society 3, 2, 1, Treasurer 1; Timmins Music Society 2, 1; Diving Team 4; Fencing 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Urbana '81; Summer Study Program, Paris, France

I shall never forget my first day as a cadet at the Institute: being dropped for pushups for smiling at my mother and Wendy who had been waiting in Jackson Arch for that last glimpse. Welcome to VMI! I was a miserable Rat, but by God's grace I made it through. My third class year Space Base 308 took off on a glorious one semester mission. It was a semester of imagination (the Space Base laser) and thrills. Accidentally douching out the O.C., having fire cracker battles in the room, and firing a bottle rocket over the O.D.'s head (all without being boned) were all memorable, heart-stopping events. Second class year was quieter, but no less memorable. It was during my second class year that my present roommates and I began rooming together. I thank God for giving me such fine and understanding roommates. Ring-Figure was a special time, and being able to share it with my parents made it even better. This year has been a good year, and now that graduation looms in the not so distant future I realize that some day I'll probably miss VMI. I know I'll remember many late nights spent drinking coffee and talking in Daniel's Den, times and words that will never come again. There are so many people who have influenced and guided me during my cadetship that it would take pages to tell them my gratitude. I sincerely thank my parents for their constant loving support in every phase of my VMI life. But I thank the Lord the most for it is only through Him that I have accomplished everything.

DYKES 1979: Keith Ranker
1985: Kelly Dillenberger

ROBERT HOLT EVANS

"Pearl, Space, Whiskey"
Brussels, Belgium
English — Army

Swimming 4, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Troop 42 4; Sir Edmund Hillary Society 2; (Wounded Warrior Award) Chung-a-5th Club 3

As I look back over the wreckage of my squandered cadetship I see little more than a dusty trail of confinement, PT's, and half finished beer. But I've made some excellent and life long friends at the Institute and have had some great times, most of them unfit to relate here. If it were not for these many friends and the support of my parents I never would have weathered the V.M.I. storm. The first day I entered the rat line is still vivid in my memory. Now, after four years (with the exception of one semester which I was forced to study "abroad") I'm still here and I've never received a number one.

Congratulations Pearl.

DYKES 1979: Bob Witherow
1985: Steve "yoyo" Eubank

ALLEN E. EWELL JR.

"Toolbody, Tool, The Bod"
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb 4, 3, 2; Gang 116

None of us will ever forget Allen's illustrious four years at VMI. Al's Rat year was a story in itself. He readily admitted that his mother sent him here and he was probably one of the most famous rats in our class because of his ability to march. This is where he got his nickname as the "Toolbody".

Since breakout, Al has always had a car here and has maintained his own arsenal in the room. His allegiance to the Chrysler Corporation is amazing and he is the only one in the room who owns four cars.

Al has been a super roommate for the past four years. He is always willing to help any of us and will always be remembered for having the most incredible luck in the room. He has also entertained us with some of the most unusual stories and we will always remember him in this humorous vein. Good luck and God bless you Al.

Thanks Mom and Dad for putting up with me and Dennis for four years here. Thanks Scott, Dave and Mac.

A.E.E.

DYKES 1979: Dennis W. Staples
1985: Chuck Baker, Steve Wynn

MICHAEL RAY EWING

"Mike, J.R., Ewong, Unus"
Stephens City, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse Manager 2, 1 (Roadtrips); Nerk Brothers 2, 1; "04 Club" 4, 3, 2, 1; "A" Co. Guide-On Bearer 1

Well, Rapp, we went through some roommates, some good, some not as good. Steve fell into the good category, yet the main question is, "How did we stand living with each other for four years?", but I am glad that we did. I am going to miss my good friends when we leave here; but still I am ready to leave (as usual). Mom, Dad, and Pam, I love you, and thanks for putting up with all the unnecessary and constant complaining; wait, let me make that thanks for everything.

DYKES 1979: Claude Fore
1985: Kent Iroler, Tom Rahe

THOMAS SCOTT FAIRBURN

"Bull, Scott, Col. Reeves Jr., Stud"
Crozier, Virginia
History — USMC

Organizations/Accomplishments: Rat Training; Cadre; Cpl.; MSgt.; 1st Lt.; Marine Detachment; OCS; Phi Kappa Phi; Ghoti-Rogi; "V"; Hop and Floor

History: Fulfilling his lifelong dream this bushy haired southerner entered the gates of VMI to find three Yankees waiting for him. Shin's boy soon succumbed to the stress which resulted in the blotting of his record and the loss of his precious hair. However, our soft spoken mountain marine was quick to become a superman in his never ending quest for all southern belles, yelling ?nay, nay-no commitment, I'm only here for the fun."

Scott, of the five digits you are the ring finger. Your steady friendship and quick wit has always provided a necessary relief in both good times and bad times. The Mason-Dixon line became a point of Union rather than a point of separation. Though we begin our lives at graduation you will remain an integral part of our group.

DYKES 1979: Roy Sadler
1982: Andy "Who Ha" Valenzuela, Mike Stent

CHARLES WILLIAM FANSHAW

"Chuck, Chuckles, Charlie, Fan, Phamshaw"
Reisterstown, Maryland
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; F. Co. Rat XO 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3; IEEE 2, 1; Firefighters 3; English Society 3, 2; Room 123 Exiles 1; SELUOTTFOMA

Memories . . .

As a Rat we received Jeff Smith's philosophy, I got slammed, we froze a mop to the stoop and I received a note, "Hey Babes . . ." that changed my life. Third Class year brought Torchy's, Club 333, drinking with Kev, "You all have a nice day" and my engagement. Second Class year produced M.O.P.A., Ease-ups, all-nighters, 6-packers, a wild Christmas party, Break-out spit collecting, an unforgettable 21st and of course Ring Figure. After surviving Ecuador, First Class year has given me the West Point party at my house, Halloween in Richmond, a winning football season, high blood pressure and the sudden death of my father from cancer.

The friendships I have made I will value and cherish forever. To Charlie, Murray, John, and Tim my never ending thanks. To Mom, Dad, Tom, Grams and Sug my love for your help and guidance. Finally, without you Dar I never would have made it.

DYKES 1979: Brad Burns
1985: Richard Speir, Eric Enslen

THOMAS EARL FARMER

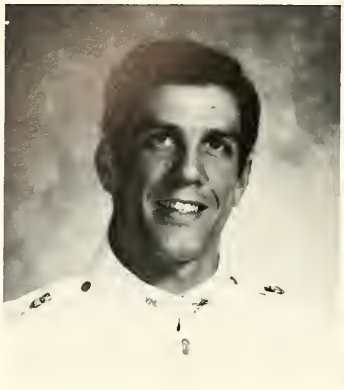
Vienna, Virginia
E.E. — Navy

Dean's List 4, 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; RDC 1; MHBSA 3, 2; RFYL 4, 3, 2; Weight Training 4, 3, 1; ATRTC 285 2; Navy Scholarship 3, 2, 1

As I write this now, my VMI experience is drawing closer and closer to an end. But where has this demanding road taken me? I often ponder what it would have been like to have attended a regular "college." For me, the decision to come to VMI was a quick one. Now, after three and a half years, I must admit I don't regret it. VMI in its own way has been a great teacher. Sure there were plenty of ups and downs and days of "MEGA-DEPRESSION", but it's the good times that will stay with me forever. Memories of great guys you don't meet every day. Without these friendships, I'm not sure I could have kept my sanity, for this I will be forever thankful. Of course, I cannot forget my parents who gave me all the support and understanding needed to make my cadetship successful.

The better part of one's life consists of his friendships.
— Abraham Lincoln

DYKES 1979: Mike McCarthy
1985: Chris Welch, "07" and George Halages, "Melonhead"



WADE BRIAN FOLTZ

"Wader, Chuck Norris, Boltz, Mismatch, W.B."
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Economics — Army

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 1; Cadet Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Dean's Honor List 2, 1; Root Cellar Club 1, 2, 3; and the "Eloud City J-Town Boys" 1, 2, 3, 4; All Southern Conference 1

The "Room of Gloom, 123" still brings back memories of frequent frustrations and expectations typical of first classmen. Who could forget the silly and haphazard attitude that all rats including myself exhibited? Only now I am the first and there are different faces that "tool" the stoops. The only difference is that it's finally time for me to cross the stage and graduate.

It has not been easy. Without the friendships that seemed to cushion adversity. I might not have continued. Stu, just remember you can still ace an exam after an afternoon at "Ducks" and hopefully Rich will always be there when Goshen decides to swallow me up. Steve, thanks for that persistent smile that made Sunday nights bearable. What would the "I" be without the entire "yacht club", A.B., Moon, Mike, G.I., Rocky, the room of creation "423", Tro, J.C., Crotch, Pete, Slinky, Dog and the Ratline Painter family to name a few?

Bonnie, who said it does not last four years? It did. Mary, Sal, Dana, Alicia and most of all Mom and Dad provided all the encouragement and love that a family could possibly give.

Thank-You friends, family and good luck to the "Class of 82".

DYKES 1978: Richard "the Doctor" Bates
1985: Nick "the Yec" Yeckle, Eric "rugby" Olsen

NEAL EUEGENE FORTNEY

"Hippo, Fortbag, Bear, F.K.N., B.H.B."
Fairfax, Virginia

Swim Team 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Captain 1; Monogram Club 1; Member SNBSS 2; Hosebags 4, 3, 2, 1; TTT Club 2, 1

First impressions can often be misleading. My first impression of Neal was that he was an inconsiderate jerk. How wrong I was. I soon found out that Hippo, as he became affectionately known by his friends, was all heart. I can pay him no higher compliment. Here was a guy that was truly liked by everyone he came in contact with. He was my complete opposite; always in control of his emotions. After three years of rooming with Neal I can truthfully say that I never once saw him lose his temper. He was always there with his good humor and easy-going ways ready to lift you out of the doldrums of despair. Neal, I will never forget the great times we had together. You have been like a brother to me and without your friendship I may never have made it through these four years. I will always be grateful.

JAY (BHB)

Jay Bo, Brad, Duke, and Guy; thanks for a fantastic four years. Mom and Dad, thanks for your love and support. Without you this would never have been possible.

N.E.F.

DYKES 1979: Larry Adams
1985: Mike Wesoloski

PETER L. FOSTER

Buzzard Legs, Keck, The Kid
Richmond, Virginia
English - Army

Boxing 4,3,2,1; Captain 2,1; Soccer 4,3; Cpl., Reg. Sgt.; Reg. 5-4; Sir Edmond Hillary Club, Honorary Member # 1 Club. Ring Figure Comm., Monogram Club.

Pete Foster - The mere mention of his name evokes several images. Most prominent is that of the fighter. His determination and apparent love of pain has given boxing at VMI new life. Still, anything. Pete tries he excells at because he channels seemingly tireless energy into everything; boxing, academics, soccer, Cadet rank, and most important, non-stop partying. Pete and "Miss Grace." could kick sand in Frankie and Anneette's face everytime they took to the floor. The "Kids" incredibly cute mug makes him the ideal ladies man, always leaving them WBL that is, as long as he didn't have on shorts. Although often unpredicatble, we could always count on Pete's smile, sweet talk, and devoted friendship. We know that no matter where Pete goes or what he does with his life, in the end he'll be the one with his glove raised over his head. Best of luck always Pete, we love ya.

JKM, RGS III

DYKES: 1979: Hunter Elliot, Kenny Hirtz

MICHAEL LEE FRAILER

"Boned Again, Another Ticket, I Don't Understand"
Baltimore, Maryland
C.E. — Civilian

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Karate 4, 3, 2; Tanker Plt.

I thank everyone for their support. I'll always remember this place.

Mike

Well Mike it's been a long 4 years and having you as a friend has made the duration. I don't think I'll ever forget our excursions up-town (a 3-ft. high club!)! I even learned something of the big city life from you. Our friendship has been as knowledgeable as it has been fun. Keep in mind your grub friends at the "I" in your travels!

John '82

"Boned Again, Another Ticket, I Don't Understand"
These are some of Mike's favorite phrases, but no matter what has happened, he laughs and drives on. Always ready to create a scene of insanity, be never withdraws a word of support in times of need. Mike is a friend who lives up to the concept of a Brother Rat. Thanks for everything Brother Rat and give them Hell.

Dave

DYKES 1979: Randy "Doobs" Atkins
1985: Chis Trouhill

GARTH JAMES FRANZ

"The Gnome, The Runt, Kaiser Franz, Little Lord Fauntleroy"
Collegeville, Pennsylvania
History — Army

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; CWRT 4, 3, 2, 1; Pres. 2, 1; Treas. 3; Tanker Platoon 1; AROTC DMS; Military Miniatures; Wargaming; Modeling; Gun Collecting

"Gunner, Tank, Sabot, Fire," Lt. Garth Franz guarding the Fulda Gap. Hey Garth! Maybe this time the tanks will start. What is that German word, "Ronsen"? The Army won't let you sleep in a car when a snake comes in. Speaking of tents, what's German for "Nivitnyah"? I still want to know how many soda cans out at the WL farm had Senorita "B"'s picture on them during exams. Maybe Louigi will catch you too before the year is out. When weren't there more than plants behind the lockers.

Garth, I want to thank you for taking in this wayward psychopath, for your occasional words of wisdom, for being a steadying influence, and a better conscience than my own. May your M-1 ride better than that old A5, and when the odds ratio gets 1-20 look up, I'll be there.

DYKES 1979: Joe Leonard
1985: Tom Montgomery

WILLIAM JENNINGS FREEMAN III

"Jay, Maggot-head, Turtle, Torso, Martyr"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Circle K Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Vice Commandants Award; Cadet Assistant (Ball Racker) 3; Instigator 4, 3, 2, 1; Nuke'em Nancy Club; T-41 Squadron "Blue Leader"

Upon my arrival at VMI I felt that I had A strong grasp on the "Tempest" to come. In a matter of hours I was transformed from an aspiring High School graduate to a lost and confused rat. I settled in to my Rat year as RJ taught me the ropes. Third Class year seemed promising, but academic strife and social isolation resulted in "Much ado about nothing." By my Second Class year I had settled into the academia of VMI. Combined with Ringfigure and cabin trips to the mountains (Thanks Larry!) It was a year which was truly a "Mid-Summers Night Dream". By my First Class year I had learned the true meaning of comradarie and would not have traded the brotherhood for anything less. I have cursed VMI in a love-hate relationship, but woe unto the man who does so without a cadet's earned right! Thanks to my roommates Frank, Joe, Rich and Delton for making the hard times bearable; to my close friends of the "squirrel cage" Rm. 122 (10 years, Mike 1), Kevin and Larry. Special thanks to my best friend Rich and to my family. "All's well that ends well!"

DYKES 1979: RJ Bartol
1985: Robbie Johnson, Robert Easter

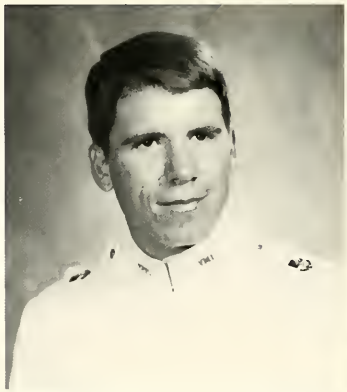
JOHN HENRY FRIEND III

"Funk, Johnny Funk, Dr. Funkenstein"
Mobile, Alabama
English — Infantry — Army

Varsity Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1, Captain 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; English Society; Young Republicans 2, 1, Vice-President 1; Ski Club 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Intramural Football Champions 1; Funk and Boss Hogg Dance Team; Ugly Date Contest Winner 2

The day has come. No more standing in line for hours to buy a stamp, no more green goddess salad dressing at Crozet, no more left handed gloves from the laundry, and no more uneven haircuts. But the strange thing about it is, I think I'll miss it. I'll be proud to say I'm from VMI until the day I die; as a Rat, F company and Jeff Smith was an experience in itself. Third class year produced the "FUNK" and from then on it was never the same. Roadtrips to Hollins & Baldwin, the annual Sweet Briar excursion, Zollomans, and long neck bottles from East Lexington. The friendships I've made at VMI will last forever. Murray, Charlie, Chuck, and Tim, thanks for being the greatest roommates. Duke, there will be a lot more dancing ahead and visions of "The Palace of Funk." Thanks Mom and Dad for the support. I love you. Moody Hall is here at last, and I'll always remember:
"A woman's love can fade but the taste of Coors and a good friend always last."
— *Beers To You* —

DYKES 1979: Bob Arnold
1985: Bert Saunders, Bryan Ausburger



JOHN STEVEN FUDGE

"Egduf, Fudger"
Prince George, Virginia
Math — Navy

Honor Court Representative 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1; Weight Room 4, 3, 2, 1; Eagle Eyrie Strike Force 3, 2, 1; Commander 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Pvt. 1; BSU President 1

When Steve came into the VMI world, we in 440 did not really get to know him until the number had been changed to 240. He has been our neutralizing element in a room full of extremes. Steve did not let us change him, but with some effort we did draw out the true Fudge. I still wonder how he managed to put up with us. He suffered many bad breaks, but his faith kept him strong. For this I give him all my admiration, it's the Navy's loss. Thanks, Steve. Go Hogs Go!
WAC

Four years at VMI has produced many good friends, especially Will, Chip, and Jeff who have been the best of roommates. I give thanks to my parents for their constant love and support which kept me going. The Lord was the main source of strength and guidance at all times.
"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
Philippians 4:13

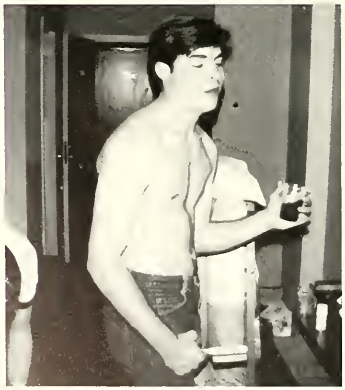
DYKES 1979: Daruysh Alipanah
1985: Paul Pilcher "Dr. Z"

DAVID CLAYTON FRITZ

"A Co. on Tap, Disco Cairo, The Beano"

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; *Cadet* 2, 1; VMI Theater 4, 3; Timmins 3; Rifle Team 4; Sounding Brass 2, 1; SS 1; Demerit Kid 4, 3, 2, 1

After four years at the "I", I'm free, and it's a hell of a feeling. Thanks and love to all those lonely hearts who consoled me in my moments of trial. Here's to some great dudes — Doug, Brad, Andy, Oscar, Clem, Chris and the eternal Boo-Boo. An epitaph? Da mihi potum!



ROY WILLIAM FUNKHOUSER

"Funk, Weasel, W.T., Funky, Willy, *#$/"
Natural Bridge, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb 3, 2, Advertising Manager 1; Trainer 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; DMS 1; 119 Gang; DMG; Hokie Raid 1

When I made that first long journey from home to VMI, I wasn't sure of why I came or what I was getting. Well, it's four years later and I still don't know the answers. I do know that in spite of myself I have enjoyed my stay and do not regret it. I would like to thank my roommates and brother rats for some great memories. Good luck to each of you.

To my parents, grandparents, Ray, Tony, brothers, other kin and friends, what more can I say than THANK-YOU!

"Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it. But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard, and there are few people who find it."

Matthew 7,13-14

DYKES 1979: Steve Dailey
1985: Daryoush Ziai (Rex), John Pollock

JAMES DAVID DREWRY GALLALEE

Richmond, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Faculty Awards Committee 2, 1; VMI English Society 3, Sect. 2, V.P. 1; Art Editor, Sounding Brass 3; ESU 2, 1; Glee Club 4; Timmons Society 2, 1; VMI Symposium 1; First Prize, Undercoffer Award for Poetry; International Graduate Summer School, Oxford, 1981

As I approach graduation I am still too close to my cadetship to appraise it with any great objectivity or perspective. I look forward to that time when I will bring it all into focus. Now I must rely on my feelings to do VMI justice. They are strong feelings that will be the basis for long reflections on a great and positive influence on my life.

I have tried to show my appreciation as I have gone along for the many kindnesses I have known in four years. Special thanks goes to those who helped me arrange my study abroad and to my thesis advisor, Major R. M. Bedell. In barracks I look to my friends and especially to room 152 as the basis of much of my happiness at VMI.

"O City city, I can sometimes hear
Beside a public bar in Lower Thames Street,
The pleasant whining of a mandolin
And a clatter and a chatter from within
Where fishmen lounge at noon: where the walls
Of Magnus Martyr hold
Inexplicable splendor of Ionian white and
gold"

T. S. Eliot
The Waste Land

DYKES 1978: Eric Martin Schwarz
1985: Robert Gates Bass, Jr.

DANIEL FORSELL GARCIA

"Danny"
Washington, D.C.
Civil Engineering — Air Force

VMI Cadet Copy Editor 2, Consulting (Token) Editor 1; Second Class Car Club; FIDO/BOHICA Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Theater 4; Firefighters 2, 1; Baldwin Raid 0; Bomb 1

What VMI is to me ... Gourmet meals at Crozet ... Finally passing Calc. II after three encore performances ... Bodling's threats to throw his shoe at any rat who fell asleep at RDC check formations ... Col. Snyder's descriptions of Corps trips as military maneuvers ... Cranking Hendrix when Purple Hayes was OC ... Gallalee's sophisticated eloquence ... The smell of burning woolies ... The fiasco at class meetings ... Towler's marital problems ... A dusty mailbox ... The elation at completing 7 semesters in Mallory Hall ... McCathern's never forgetting your faults ... Xmas carols at Taps ... The Math Dept.'s cloudy reputation ... God Louthan's exaggerated complaints ... AS class at 0800 ... Scioscia's decade at the "I" ... Smokey's class ... Pace's worthless stories ... A road trip to West Point ... Vowing 3 times never to return to another worthless Baldwin party ... Grain parties at Day's Inn ... LTC Lowsley's uh, you know, dull lectures, as it were ... Folding newspapers during Friday's parades ... My thoughts as I laid back on Aug. 23, '78 ... My thoughts when I lay on my rack on May 14, 1982.

DYKES 1979: Travis Calloway
1985: Richard Flanary

JAMES PATRIC GEIB

"Jim, Gibb's Ear's"

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Ham Radio Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pres. Ham Radio Club 2; Vice Pres. Ham Radio Club 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 1; Fire Fighters 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 1

I have never been one for many words and this is no time to change. Thank you Mom and Dad and the entire family for your unending love and support. I never would have made it without you. Thanks fellas for all the help received. No homework assignment was complete without it. I've enjoyed it all even if you wouldn't laugh at my jokes. Ease up on Gibb's Ears.

DYKES 1979: Jim Pigg
1985: John Dowden

JAMES LARRY GIBSON, JR.

"Mole Man, H&R Block, Chip, Buffalo Chip"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — U.S. Marine Corps

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; M1A 1; Commanders, Reg. Bugler; Tablecloth Committee; Barracks Terrorist Society; Ghetto Resident 4, 3, 2, 1

When I first met Chip four years ago we were doing pushups in the concourse and laughing at Ol' Fidel. Since that time, he still hasn't changed! He is just as crazy as he was four years ago. The only difference is that now he plays with bigger Toys (black powder, etc.) from his playpen in the Ghetto. Over the years Chip has made many friends here at the "I" and it is not hard to understand why. He is constantly cheering people up with his antics and he is always there when someone needs help. I will always remember the many good times we have had together and I wish Chip the very best of luck in all of his endeavors.

— JAM —

"Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me."

John 16:32

DYKES 1979: Steve Lyon
1985: Doug Deaton

SHAUN GILLILAND

"Distillery Pits"

Riding Club 3, 2; VMI Cadet, Business Manager 2; Water Polo 3; Swimming Team 4, 3; Dyke School 2; Professor of Dyke School 2; Pi-Rho Ghetto Corner 3, 2; The Room Forty-Sickoes 3, 2

I became very close to Shaun in my brief 3 year "stint" at VMI with him. He was one of the most innovative and provocative people I've ever met. If there was any kind of dilemma preserved by the Institute, Shaun was sure to find a way to take the problem(s) and work the situation to his advantage. He made the boredom of VMI nonexistent, and every moment of life at the Institute with him was a new ordeal. His "innovative" ideas made Ghetto corner and the rest of my brother rats able to laugh at the pressure encountered in a day to day existence at VMI. This is the key to not only surviving VMI's 4 year purge, but also to keeping your sanity and perspective in the process. Shaun would do *anything* for you, and he exemplified the comraderie needed at VMI in order to make the close living here enjoyable. Shaun is one of the main reasons that I am still at VMI, and he has instilled some of his extraordinary satirical nature in myself, and therefore has made me a more complete, easy-going individual. I shall never forget him.

CFE '82

P.S. Good luck with Linda in the future.

BRYAN PAUL GLYNN

"Beluisi, Bluto"
Brown Mills, New Jersey
Economics — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC 1; Kangaroo 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiters; Intramurals 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Cadre 1

In this small space it is hard to describe such a multi-faceted person as Bryan. We can vividly picture Bryan dancing in front of 258 clad in scuba fins, sunglasses, and wearing a tennis racket cover on his head. But we must also look at Bryan's other side. Bryan's name is synonymous with involvement. It is hard to remember a class activity, whether it be administering the ratline or working at Zolloman's parties, that Bryan did not actively participate in. Throughout his cadetship Bryan always kept his sense of humor. But more importantly to us, his quick lines often helped others when it was needed most. Although we've only roomed together for two years, we've gotten to know him and respect him. We wish Bryan the best of luck always.

Rm. 158

DYKES 1979: Rock Vomer
1985: Kirby Caruso

ROBIN NEALGODSHALL

Konkus, The Great Santini
Toms River, New Jersey
USMC

My Sincere thanks and memories to:
My dyke, Kevin, for getting this "bear" out of hed every morning.
Mrs. Martha Funkhouser for being my second mom.
Ken Ross and Joseph Poteralski for being friends when I needed them.
My Parents for supporting me 115% for four long years.

Til we meet again friends; Good luck and God speed.

Dykes 1979: Scott Konkus
1982: Kevin Leary.

JOSH HAROLD GOEWEY

Holden, Massachusetts
Civil Engineering — Infantry

Cross Country 3, 2, 1; Indoor Track 3, 2, 1; Spring Track 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Lt. 1; Number One Club (2 Times Over); DMS; Monogram Club; Summer School 4, 3, 2; Tech Raid '81

Well Josh, it has been a long, hard road. You, like all of us, have changed and matured. All those months on confinement strengthened your determination to obtain what you want. Well, something good has to be said about it right?

With total earnestness, be proud of what you have accomplished. Few men could have put up with the impediments that you had to face. This Institution tested your resolve, and you finally did win the game. Good Luck, and I hope you find what you are looking for in life.

RMC

I remember when I first Matriculated I was told I would never graduate by one of the Institute's higher officials across the parade field. I am not sorry to say he was wrong. Nothing made me as proud as when I first wore the uniform of a cadet and now nothing makes me as proud than to have been a cadet. I would do it all over again without the slightest hesitation. The Friendships made here are of a type one will never forget and hopefully never fade, for it would be the greatest of losses. Thank you Mom and Dad, you both have made it possible for me to pass my first major goal in life, may I someday repay you, but for now please accept my love.

(HELG)

DYKES 1979: John Carty
1985: Frank Dow, Tom Dahoney

JEFFREY ARTHUR GOODWIN

"Goodie, Huck"
Alexandria, Virginia
History — U.S.M.C.

Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Cheerleader 2, 1; Ski Club 1

Goodie and I roomed together our rat year by mistake. He was supposed to be here, I was supposed to be at N.C. State. Instantly we became best friends. Successfully we went through our rat year with trips to Richmond, Roanode, Texas Tavern, and Catawba. Eventually he transformed from a boy into a fine cadet (while I just transformed). We both became corporals, he longer than I, and I knew he had started his way to being an outstanding cadet, I became a standing out private. We both had our problems with the women and he was always there when I needed a shoulder to cry on, or some money to lend. He smoothly went to Sgt. then on to Lt. I smoothly went into a year's confinement, thanks Buddy! Now as the eternity comes to a close I already miss you but I know success is all that will greet you as we leave. But one last question . . . was it worth it?

DYKES 1979: Thomas Northam
1985: Ben Berry

ROBERT TYLER GOODWYN IV

Alexandria, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

IEEE; Society of American Military Engineers; Charter Member Eta Kappa Nu; Secretary Eta Kappa Nu; AFROTC Scholarship; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lacrosse 4; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club; Scuba Club; Fire Fighters; Third Class Finance Committee; Photographer for Bomb 3; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Outpost 2; MBC Weekend Student 1

Having lived with Tyler since we were Rats, I can best express my feelings on this experience by saying: I am indeed lucky to have such a roommate. Although it has taken the better part of four years for us to get to know one another as we do now, it has been worth it. Close friendships like ours, almost painfully slow in creation, once made — can never diminish or be broken. During those times when I needed help (remember Fall Taps?) or someone to talk to, you were there, and for this I am grateful. Likewise, when it was my turn to help you, I'm just glad I was able to be there. I guess what I'm really trying to say is: Thanks . . . for everything.
CSS

DYKES 1979: Jim Harrington
1985: Jim Karafa

DERLE GREY HAGWOOD JR.

Suffolk, Virginia
C.E. — U.S.M.C.

Football 4, 3; Boxing 2, 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Capt. 1; ASCE; Institute Escort; Expedition Crew 1, 2, 3

I HAVE NO REGRETS.

DYKES 1979: Jeff Beeby
1985: Tommy Underwood, Chuck McCartbey

ALAN AKERS HALE

"Wildman, Al"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Rifle Team 4; DMS; Equestrian Club 1; Scuba Diver — H&H Salvage 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1

Four years ago I started VMI with many short range goals as a foundation to a dynamic military career. However, with each completed semester I became more and more marketable in the civilian world. Lately my attention has been directed from the military as a career with a growing interest in the civilian jobs and a desire to fill a long range goal as an engineer. The time spent at VMI has given me the opportunity to meet and associate with a great class of people. I would like to thank VMI for furthering the fine teachings of my parents in the most important organization that exists in the school, the honor system. As I walk away from VMI, I realize that its greatest teaching is honor and the corps of cadets keeps it that way. Closing on a sentimental note, I had four short years to earn a lifetime of demerits.

DYKES 1979: Gary Parker
1985: Tod Thornes

MICHEAL RAY HALL

"Bulldog"
Chesapeake, Virginia
English — Army

Graduate; Football 3; Monogram Club 3; English Society; VMI 1982 Symposium Merchant 1; Pseudo-Scholar 1; Over the Mountain Gatherings 1, 2

O Light Eternal, who in thyself alone
Dwell'st and thyself know'st, and self-understood,
Self-Understanding; smilest on thine own! . . .
Like a wheel whose circling nothing jars
Already on my desire and will prevailed
The Love that moves the sun and the other stars.

Dante

I owe my deepest thanks to my dear parents' love, my grandparents' support, my darling's understanding, and my deep bond I hold with my roommates and friends. I am unworthy to even repay these people for these effects on my life.

DYKES 1979: Mac Curtis
1985: Shan Sullivan, Marvin Smith

GORDON REDMOND HAMMOCK

"Rocky, Bumble Butt, Gordy"
Huntington, New York
Economics — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Society of Young Economists 3, Sec. 2, Pres. 1; Pre-Law Society 2, Pres. 1; Rat Training; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; CO 1; Hop and Floor 3, 2, 1; RDC 1

I can't say that I will miss VMI per se, but I will miss all the many good friends I made here. The boys here have seen to it that my four years here were not only bearable, but downright enjoyable at times! My parents have given me all the support and love a son could want — Thanks Mom and Dad, I love you very much. And I wish to extend thanks to all the teachers here who helped me in many ways. I know there'll be tears in my eyes come May 15th, but it's time to move on. God bless you all, and God be with you wherever you go and in whatever you do.

DYKES 1979: Jim Barger
1985: Steve Green, Dan White

JOHN E. HARGREAVES

Alexandria, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force — Pilot

Some men come to V.M.I. and struggle and flounder, John has never had that problem. The road was never easy, but John always rose to meet the occasion. If that were not enough he rose above the occasion and excelled academically, militarily, and spiritually. So John leaves V.M.I. for another adventure, let us be thankful for all we have shared together!!

MARK FRANCIS HARRINGTON

"C", "little c", "c man", Mork, "H", Snake
Babylon, N.Y.
Civil Engineering — Army

Cadet Waiters 3,2,1; Rugby 4; Yellow Submarine Club 2,1, Moose Lodge 4, Millamore Brothers 1; RDC 1

It has been four long years, but I'm glad its over with. I've changed a lot in these past few years. There have been good times and bad times, but I'm only going to remember the good times. The most important thing that I've gained since I've come here is the friends, without you guys it would not have been worth it. Yic, Rock, Nick, and George; I am proud to call you my friends and will never forget you. I can only wish you all the best of luck in the future and hope to meet you again at some alumni meeting and get drunk together. We still have a whole life ahead of us, so lets live it to its fullest extent. Good luck to all of you and take care.
Dykes: 1979: Greg Quinn, Scotty Beale
1982 Lou Primavera, Andy Morschauser

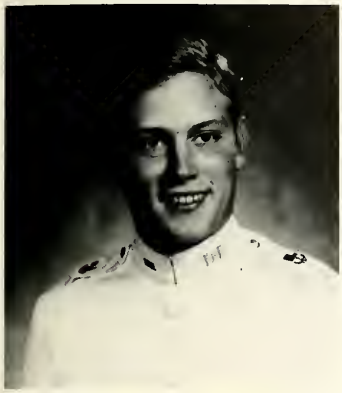
PAUL THORNTON HAYES

"Slinky, P.T."
Glouster, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

RDC 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 3; Merchant 1

How many good times did I give up? How many depressions did I wade through? I would never do it again.
How much insight bave gained? How many close friends have I made? I wouldn't take *ANYTHING* for it.
Thanks to my family and friends for your support. I love you all.

DYKES 1979: Cool Freddy Floyd
1985: Ashley Cooper



MITCHELL VERNON HEISHMAN

"Vernon, Nerk, Mom"
Woodstock, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

Skinhead 4; Cpl. 3 (1 Month); Pvt. 2; Lt. 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Institute Escorts; DMS 1; Pi Rho Ghetto 3, 2, 1; JV Basketball 4, 3 (Thanks Charlie); Nerk Brothers; Basketball 2, 1, Champions 2; NMO 3, 2, 1; HBI 2; Expedition 3, 2, 1; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities

Four years ago I couldn't spell engineer, now I are one.

DYKES 1979: Jeb Burton
1985: D. H. "Danks" Burton, Danny Connor

EMMETT ROSS HELTZEL

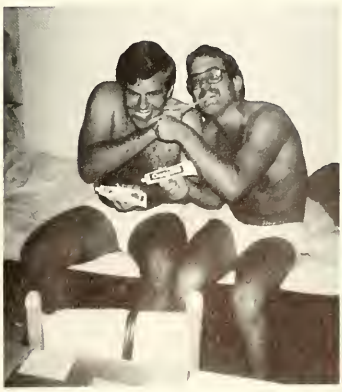
"Em, Big Em, Heisslich, Squirm, Squirmet, Squirrel, Gonzo"
Staunton, Virginia
CE — Army Corps of Engineers

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; MSgt. 2; Cadet Captain Regimental Adjutant 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Seminar Committee 1; SAME 2, 1, Vice-Pres. 2; Pres. 1; Ring Figure '82 Presentation Committee Chairman 2; Dean's List 2; Religious Council 1; The Voice Behind Stu Warren 1; "18" 3, 2, 1; Garfield Fan Club; Temptations Vocalist Group; Rack Battalion Commander 1

To my Dykes:
Words can not express what I feel for you, for you are the men who have come to take my place. What I must do is instruct you and give you all I have. You may not understand this now, but in time you will. Some things you will not understand — yet. Above all, dykes, never give less than your best. This place and the world after will always demand it, and you must be prepared to give it. Never cheapen this place; strive to make it better. Let it mold you, unfold you, amaze you, and broaden your horizons. It has an inherent beauty you will learn about in time. Do nothing to the injury of others and always conduct yourselves as gentlemen of honor. Remember God loves you and so do I.

Your Dyke

DYKES 1979: David Jamison "Mule" Crawford III
1985: David Olson, Roy Creasey



JAMES BERNARD HICKEY

"Krankemann"
Hickory Hills, Illinois
History — Army

US Army Airborne Ranger; Avid Supporter of LES Baux Arts

Jim Hickey knew what he wanted when he came to VMI and he never lost sight of that goal. In his quest for a commission as an Army officer, he excelled academically, physically and militarily. Jim won every Army qualification available to him. That's the side of Jim Hickey that everyone knew. For those of us who were fortunate enough to know him closely, he was an endless fountain of humor and a valuable friend. Much to Jim's credit, his ideas and aspirations have changed in the course of the last four years, but his ideals never wavered. The strength of his convictions will be felt in a world in which such attributes are increasingly rare.

J.B.Y.

"So Farewell To Nova Scotia Ye sea bound boy with your mountains Dark and Dreary be"

DYKES 1979: Bob Johanson
1985: Michael Schwitter

DAVID MATTHEW HOLZBACH

"L. C. Spock, Holtzi, Ted"
Ridgefield, Connecticut
History — Law

Dean's List 2, 1; Cadet Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3; Cadet Asst. 3, 2, 1; Skiing, Wargames; Detail-Modeling

My four years at V.M.I. have been the most important and rewarding years of my life and before leaving I must say "Thank You" to the people who made it all possible. Thank-you Dad for giving me the drive and determination I needed to get through V.M.I. Thank-you Mom for always understanding, Thank-you Eric, Steven, Jason and Kris for teaching me patience. My thanks to Cindy and Lisa for the support only a girlfriend can give a cadet. Finally, Thank-you Brother Rats for the friendship and fun of the past and the times yet to come.

Dave

Although Dave didn't come into our room until 2nd Class year, we feel that we have known him during our entire cadetship. He was our resident maid, always letting us know when our grubby traits became too noticeable. Dave, you were the one constant in our lives, whether it was to lend money advice, or just companionship, you were always there. Thanks for the friendship.

John and Mike

DYKES 1979: Robert "Uncle Stosh" Morris
1985: Peter Mangerian

DARRYL KEITH HORNE

"Horn-Toad, A — man, Blackbastard, Stump Stump, Capt. Quickdraw"
Hampton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Track 4, 3, 2, 1, Team Captain 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Vice Pres. 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor —
Bare.
But all the time
I'se been a-climbing on,
And reaching landin's
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy don't you turn back . . .
I'se still climbin'
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

By Langston Hughes

For teaching me the best lessons I'll ever learn in my life, 'thanks' a million Coach Wade Williams. Thanks to my roommates Joey, Jerome, and Darren for the good and unbelievable times we shared. Most of all thanks Mom and Dad for everything, may God bless you all forever.

DYKES 1979: Johnny Garnett (JC)
1985: Greg (Pebble) Williams, Tim (Rock) Harris, Young Darryl Horne

FRANK McENTEER HORNER

"The Blade, B^2, Kid Deatb"
Springfield, Virginia
Economics — Army

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Army ROTC Scholarship (2); Economics Scholarship Award; Sec., Vice-Pres. of Society of Young Economist; Cadet Battery 2; OGA Sec. 1; Monogram Club 1; Who's Who Among Students; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Member in Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1

It was late in my senior year at high school when I first thought of going to VMI. My parents and my uncle were in favor of it so I applied. I was accepted and after some thought I decided to go. I had no idea what I got myself into. My first day at VMI is easily the hardest day of my life. But I was able to endure. What helped me most were the friends I made, I found out that no matter how hard things got, if you were with your friends it could even be fun. During my breaks I began to look forward to coming back to school. Four years of VMI have been hard and I am glad to be graduating, but I will miss my friends. So, I would like to say this to everybody; I will never forget all the good and bad times we had together. Thanks.

DYKES 1979: Rick Hall
1985: Bill Warnock

MURRAY FREDRICK HUDSON

"Ranger, Slim, Quick Draw, Log Rider, Cowboy"
Seabrook, Texas
Civil Engineering — Army

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, ?; JV Basketball 3; Boxing Team 2; John Bowie Gray 1867 Award 3; Alvin F. Meyer Award 2; Dungeon Almost Study Club 1; Thank You Buzzy 123 Club 1; The Week On, Week Off, Officer's Assogiation 2, 1; Frozen Mop Club 4

Four years ago, for reasons not even I can explain, I left the Lone Star State to become a cadet. Then once I got here they had the nerve to tell me I couldn't become a cadet without becoming a rat first. But thanks to a good dyke and the best company of beer drinkers ever to stumble down to SRC, I made it. Upon returning for my third class year I had high hopes of finally becoming a cadet, but I came to find out I was nothing but a . . . eating third. Oh well, by now I had learned to roll with the punches and once again I survived. Second class year started out kind of shaky until Ring Figure rolled around, after that who cares. Finally I'm a first class day student and thanks to Del, Josh, and Mark I found out there is life after studying. Thanks fellas, and may the magic that's kept us alive and ready for another road trip forever stay with us. I would first like to thank my Brother Rats for always being there when needed most. Special thanks go to Col. and Mrs. Bey Reed, Chunk Neal, Col. Jamison, and Mr. Libdell who kindly introduced me to V.M.I., therefore providing me with the most valuable four years of my life. I also wish to thank a special young lady who has made my last year more than I ever dreamed it could be. My most grateful thanks go to my roommates, Chuckles, Charlie, Tim, and Funk. I'll never forget you and I hope you won't forget me no matter how much you would like to. Finally, Mom and Dad, you're the Greatest, I can't begin to tell you how much your never ending love, support and understanding meant to me. "HELG".

DYKES 1979: Bob Arnold
1985: David "Whisper" "Tree" Brennan, Shawn "Oliveoil" Oliver

THEADORE R. HUFFMAN

"Teddy"
Jonestown, Pennsylvania
History — Army — Special Student

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; Tanker Platoon; Newbarracks Suburb Club

Ted you've had some tough times, but always managed to bounce back. Your unique sense of humor, quiet smile, and reassuring manner have always made the difference. I'll tell you one thing — the army has lost one hell of a fine officer and you can take that to the bank! Best Wishes — Go get 'em!

THOMAS JACKSON INGRAM IV

"Stonewall, T.J."
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil E. — Air Force

AFROTC Scholarship; James Preston Taylor Award; Hubard Memorial Scholarship; Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; RFYL 4; Equestrian Club 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; CE Dept. Cadet Assistant 2, 1; ASCE Tutoring Program 1

"Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes."
Thoreau

When I arrived at VMI, I found that the upperclassmen were unfriendly, the uniforms uncomfortable, the food undescribable, my accommodations left much to be desired, and I was responsible for twice as much as I had time to do. I further gave up luxuries, such as moving my eyes, so that they could be restored to me piecemeal as "privileges".

Transcending the things I missed by becoming a Cadet, and the added responsibilities I thus incurred, is a heightened satisfaction with my accomplishments and a special relationship I will always enjoy with my Brother Rats and all VMI men.

I cannot say exactly why I came to VMI, but I know why I stayed: I could not be more proud of being a VMI Cadet, and of being part of the tradition of honor and spirit that defines the Institute.

T.J.I. IV '82

DYKES 1979: Darioush Ahmadpour Samani
1985: Craig R. Lamb

DAVID MARK JANIC

"Mallory Hall King"
Taneytown, Maryland
Physics — Navy

1st Cpl. D-Co. 3; Color Sergeant 2; Lt. 1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Sigma Pi Sigma 2, 1; Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities; Society of Physics Students 3, 2, 1, Treasurer 2

I want to dedicate this space to everyone who made this endeavor bearable and at times enjoyable. I will always treasure both good and bad memories of V.M.I. as they are shared by many of my classmates. I congratulate my roommates for tolerating my depressive moods and I am deeply indebted to those individuals who would always help to brighten my outlook on life.

A special thanks is given to all of the faculty members who have given me guidance while at V.M.I. I leave the institute a better individual because of their effort. To be associated with these people, I would do it all again.

Thank you Mom and Dad for your support and understanding. I wouldn't be where I am today without your love. Mike, I treasure the help you gave me when I was a rat and as a third. Gary, I leave you the V.M.I. Challenge.

DYKES 1979: Craig A. Myler
1985: Peter Bampton, Tayloe Dameron

THOMAS KEITH JARVIS

"Cookie"
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Rat Training; Corporal 3; Vice-President Newman Club 3; Airborne Qualified 3; Rat-Training Company Commander 1; American Society of Civil Engineers 1

The last four years have been a struggle but, unlike my Brother Rats, I won't be walking across the stage in May to get that cherished V.M.I. diploma. That will have to wait until I have spent one more year in this hole. But I can't say that my college career has been unpleasant. I bave learned so much, not just academically, but also about myself and now I know what I can accomplish and how much shit it's possible for one person to take. I would like to thank my parents and family for putting up with my struggles and occasional failures. Also my biggest thanks to my roommates: Mike, Eric, and Thane for the last three years and ic for this past year. Thanks Jeanne, for making life more enjoyable and giving me something to look forward to. Scott and Kerry and the rest of our dykes, well . . . I'll see you next year.

DYKES 1979: Dave Pyle
1985: Scott Miller, Kerry Kirk

WILLIAM RALPH JENNINGS JR.

"Husk"
Schenectady, New York
E.E.

Psyche Corner 3; Private 4, 3, 2, 1

It is difficult to realize Bill has finally come to the end of the path. There were times in this long four year period when many elements seemed to be overwhelmingly against him. But Bill has conquered the hardships, building up his self confidence and inner strength to survive this system.

Bill is an intelligent individual whose characteristics are recognized by everyone in the class, Third Class year he found what would be his happy home, thus he chose to reside in Psycho Corner in New Barracks.

Feeling that the Navy was his true calling, he dreamed of the vast oceans, mighty sailing ships, and of mermaids beneath the waves. Unfortunately he ran into stormy weather and Special Status was thrust upon him. Saying farewell to the Navy, he sadly drew his anchor and sailed in search for calmer seas.

I consider writing Bill's Class history a privilege. That is a privilege of knowing Bill as a friend, a Brother Rat, and a VMI cadet who takes pride in his Honor and Integrity.

Tojo Kamikaze

DYKES 1979: Terry Fox
1985: Kyle Winter

MICHEAL JOHN JESENSKY

"Moon, Camel"
Parma Heights, Ohio
Electrical Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, Coach 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, Treas. 1; IEEE 2, 1; Assistant Director in Charge of Beverages Fiji Island "81"; One Half of the Undisputed Nerf Tip Ball Champions, "Archibald"; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Vice President of the VMI Chapter of EE's; Room 521 "Easy Up on Studying Club" 2, 1

The VMI Experience has been just that, an experience, without all of the good friends the hardships at VMI would have been intolerable. If VMI has taught me anything at all it's that life is what you make it, if you're willing to put forward the effort your future lies in your own hands.

Special thanks goes to Austin, Mike and G.J.; Somehow we've managed to live through the good and hard times and become more than just friends. I wish the best of luck to Charlie, Boat, Kyle, PT, Dog, Tro, Wader, Dayrl, Wool, Dink, Luke, Crane, Stu, Check, Tyler, King and everyone else who had made the charade worthwhile.

Most of all I would like to thank my family, for without your love and support I never would have made it this far. Sally, thanks for being you and for giving me all the support and strength anyone could ever ask for. It's finally over!

M.J.J. "82"

DYKES 1979: Joe Corsaro
1985: Mark Bornhurst, Cubby Fimian

SAMUEL CURTIS JOHNSTON

"Herman, CJ, Big C, Frankie, Young Curtis, Tall Dark and . . ."
Economics — Air Force

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2; Cpl. 3; Pep Band 3, 4; AF 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Company 1, 2, 3, 4; Dave Bratton Abuser Club 1

I came to VMI as a young man with very high goals for myself. Since my arrival in August of 1978, the big "I" has shown me much about myself that I had never known. As for my goals, some were reached and some never materialized. VMI also taught me to be thankful for many things I had always taken for granted. I have a lot of thanks to say, but most of it goes to God and my loving parents. Without them, none of this would have been possible. A great deal of thanks must go to some great BR's: John, Russ, Ted, Mondo — Thanks Fellas.

But as I leave, I leave with a good education that is earned and is mine. Also I have many memories that are good, and as time goes on I will cherish them more and more.

DYKES 1979: Jim "Landshark" Reynolds
1985: Steve Palmer, Neal Felty (Eddie Monster and Mo)

GARY ROBERT JONES

Tabb, Virginia
Physics — Air Force

Society of Physics Majors 1, 2; Young Economists Club 2, 3, 4; Student Pilot; Water-Skiing; Scuba Diving; Tennis; Photography

I was once told by an Alumnus that graduating from VMI was the hardest thing he'd ever done in his life. Throughout these four years I've thought of those words many times. I think the best lessons of my experiences at VMI has been the realization of "Old Stonewall's" truth that "You Can Be Whatever You Resolve To Be" and that everything goes better with friends. Although I won't complete my "2.0 and GO" strategy until next December, I'd just like to thank my roommates, Rick and Dongee, for being so good-natured and making it all the better. Thanks for the good times. Thanks to you too Mom and Dad for all your support. Good Luck you guys. The VMI experience, it's been real.

DYKES 1979: Tom A. Northam
1985: Cary S. Westin

JEFFERSON KEITH JUDKINS

"J.J., Jud"
Martiansville, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 1

Jeff arrived at VMI with the ambition of going on a "boat ride". His four years at the "I" have demonstrated his unique perseverance and self discipline. Jeff possesses a certain quality in his personality which allows him to develop meaningful friendships. He has taught all who know him the meaning of a true Brother Rat. Jeff's friendship has been tested through the cries for his hand — which have always been answered, many times at his own expense: from pulling one friend from a Boston gutter, to a midnight rendezvous at the Lexington emergency room with another. He has surely shown his loyalty.

As a roommate, he has been a banker, psycho-analyst, babysitter, walking alarm clock, wrestling partner, and of course a party-time companion.

With these qualities, some of which even VMI cannot teach a man, coupled with his successful cadetship; a prosperous and happy life awaits Jeff. We hope thank you says it all, love ya!

D.L.S.
G.F.M.
Craw

Mom and Dad: Thank you for everything. I love you.
Lou Ann: Thank you for making my last year by best year. You have all of my love forever.

J.K.J.

DYKES 1979: David Lee Taylor
1985: Louis W. Wertz

RICHARD DOUGLAS JUSTICE, JR.

"Dick"
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry — Air Force

AF Scholarship; E. B. Jones Chemistry Scholarship; Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1, President 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3; Dean's List; Corporal 3; M/Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; Pvt. 1; President — Nuk'em Nancy Club

Dick entered room 439 shortly after matriculation and was instantly one of the guys. His ability to adapt to the Rat Line and his sense of humor were complemented by the funny way he had for pronouncing words. But his Southerness soon spread to his Yankee roommates until we were all good 'ole boys. Dickie was always in the thick of the parties like the time at Mary Washington when he awoke to the realization that Coyote ugly can be detrimental to one's health. Dick also showed his stuff as he made corporal and then M/Sgt. These qualities were carried all the way to Air Force camp when he managed to raise the Stars and Bars over Wright-Patterson AFB in a daring midnight operation. Dickie settled down a little when he met this girl only for her lean, mean, street machine with many racquetball games to remember, I wish Dick the best of luck in his life as an alumnus.

KAS

DYKES 1979: Charles Sachs
1985: Matt Brown

ERIC JOHN KARELL

"Stork"
New York, New York

Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society; Ralph Bowen Linville Award (Chemistry); H. E. Ritchey Award (Chemistry); American Chemical Society Pres. 1, Vice Pres. 2; NROTC Scholarship; Stamp/Coin Collecting; Running

At the end of a book or movie usually come the credits, the acknowledgements of thanks given to those who made it possible. Now that these four years of V.M.I. are over it seems only fair that I list those people I feel helped me accomplish whatever I have during these years. First come parents and instructors without whose help and moral support V.M.I. would have been impossible. Then there are all of my friends whose company has, and will always be invaluable. Finally, there are both of my dykes, the first for his guidance and help and the second for his good natured way he puts up with all sorts of madness. Thanks again and best wishes to all.

DYKES 1979: "Chappy" Lucas
1985: Michael Rohless

CHARLES WILLIAM KAUSE

"Son of Bodling, Olympio Resto, Chuckles, Suedo Mundo"
Vienna, Virginia
English — U.S.M.C.

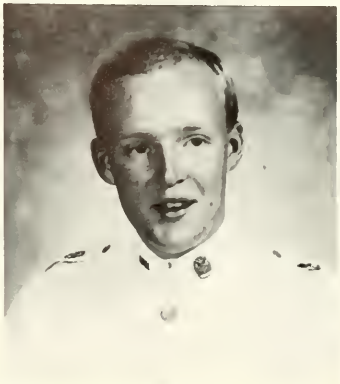
Newspaper 3, News and Features Ed. 2, Editorial Ed. 1; Sounding Brass 3, Business Mgr. 2, Editor 2, 1; Publications Board 3, 2, Chairman 1; Bloodmobile 3, 2, Chairman 1; English Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmins Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Moe the 'Roo 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Major Mac Fan Club 3, 2, 1

Satan (a la Milton) said "The mind is its own place, and in itself/Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven." How true of VMI! I have failed and conquered, laughed and cried, won and lost while spending my college years here. "Mother I" has taken much away from me but has offered ten-fold back. I wish to thank the marvelous History and English departments, my family and friends for putting up with my melancholy seizures, and, yes, VMI for revealing some of my potential. The future bodes well and as the unknown Gawain poet remarked:

He said, "Why should I tarry?"
And smiled with tranquil eye;
"In destinies sad or merry,
True men can but try."

Bon voyage '82!

DYKES 1979: Hank Chase (the one and only)
1985: Michael Schriver



EDMOND BURL KEITH

"Casper, C.Q."
West Columbia, South Carolina

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 1; Naval Scholarship 3; Air Force Scholarship 2, 1; Ring Figure Favors 2; Bomb Sports Section 1; Arnold Air Society 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3; Softball Team 2, 1; Equestrian Club 3; Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Phucowies 1

Eddy, choosing to room with you was a tough decision, after hearing all of those "reliable" rumors, but I knew you were from the deep south so I jumped at the chance. You've added another dimension to the V.M.I. life, Eddy. Where I can begin to describe our best year at the "I"; How about with . . . turkey hunting against birds smarter than us; of Yankee hunting in Jersey; or the West-by-God-Virginia-Express; or canoeing with Jeanne on the Cowpasture (and that too!); or softball with Hap, Otter and Hooter; or Confederate Flags north of the Mason-Dixon; or "Depth Charges" by the dozens; or beating the Bulldogs and the Jack-asses; or the mysterious "Black Hole"; or the George and Herschel "discussions"; or . . . just being Southern and willing to help. We both deserve psychology degrees after all the counseling Jeanne. Keep the "KEYDET" dressed in Red, White, and Yellow singing only two songs: "THE SPIRIT" and "DIXIE".

Rusty '82

DYKES 1979: Kirk Latsha
1985: Strib Meares

MARK ALBERT KEMPSELL

"Kemps, Bugs, Goose"
Madison, New Jersey
Biology — Army

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; 1 Btn. S-4; Cadre 2; Dean's List 4, 3, 1

Armed only with the embryonic nailhead, Mark has weathered the VMI storm with utmost success. Sometimes the challenges were not enough, he craved new experiences. For instance, one weeknight as Rats, Kemps, Bighead, and the Geek made Palm Palor ice cream a check formation. Unfortunately, the Rat C.O. happened to enjoy ice cream too. As a Third, Mark's appetitie for ice cream changed for the sweeter (and possibly just as cold) things in life. With the approach of Ringfigure, Kemps exhibited his most outstanding characteristic . . . peserverance. With that Never-SAY-Die attitude Mark has now bolted through his First Class year and has accomplished the nearly impossible with rare form. Good luck Marko. It's heen real.

DYKES 1979: Chip Marohn
1985: Ears Rose

JOSEPH WAYNE KEYES JR.

"Booger-Gruff, Slowy, Koey Jeyes, Troll"
Newport News, Virginia

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Cross Country 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 1; Army Investment Club 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, four years of VMI are finally over. I can't believe it. Time sure goes fast when you are having fun! But I think it was worth it. Hopefully, I've learned something. There are many people who have helped me make it through the last four years. First, I would like to thank Coach Williams for the time and the patience he has given to me. Also, I would like to thank my friends, Toad, Buffalo, Mac, Rapp, and Ewing who put the bright spots in the dull days of the "I". Lastly, I would like to thank my parents, my brother and especially Carol for their constant guidance and backing that you have given me during the last four years. I could not have made it without your support. Again, I would like to thank all of you.

DYKES 1979: Danny Schlickenmeyer
1985: Scott "Weasel" Vaughn, Young Dannyl Horne

RICHARD F. KIESTER

"Rick, Rich"
Downington, Pennsylvania
History — Marine Corps

Civil War Round Table 4, 3, 2, 1, Pres. 3, 2, Sec. 1; Aviation Explorers 4, 3, Vice Pres. 3; VMI Theater 2, 1; Business Manager; Cadet Battery 4, 1; Gun Chief; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1

When I first came to the Mother "I" in August I really had no idea what I was in for but the Ratline made me adjust to things I had never experienced before and things that I never want to experience again. However, with the help of some good people I was able to make it through.

Third Class year was a trying time but a hard one also. I am firmly convinced that the only advantages to being a Third is being out of the Ratline and living one stoop closer to the ground. The academics were nothing to laugh at. I had good times though that I would not trade for the world.

Second Class year had many advantages to it. Ring Figure was probably the finest night in my life. Also, having a car stashed away made the year much more bearable. Thank you Capt. Lodi for not saying anything about it.

Finally there was First Class year. The only thing that kept me going this long is the thought of Graduation. It has been a difficult road to follow. However, to be able to graduate in May makes it all worth while.

Before I close I should thank my parents for the support they gave me. Also, thanks to Liz, Anne, and Diane for just being there when I needed to talk to someone, you really helped. Finally thanks to everyone for making my life at the "I" what it was.

DYKES 1979: Craig R. Maxson
1985: Robert Lindgren, Warren Shindle

JOHN CHADWICK KING

"Ape, Space Cadet, Chadder, Curious George, Boyee, Cow"
Radford, Virginia
Biology — Special Student

Father, I thank you for giving me life through your Son and for the days you have given me at VMI. Life at VMI has been difficult and bumbling, but its environment has made it possible for God to teach me much about myself. I thank Christ for allowing me to go through VMI and for being faithful, not once forsaking me. Probably the most significant lesson God has taught me here is how sinful, weak, and inadequate I am without His Son Jesus Christ. As John 15:5 says, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."

I especially wish to thank my mother for her faithfulness, love, and prayers. To Dad, Weiner, and Libby, Kim, my little buddy Chris, and my grandparents, thank you for putting up with me and for your support. I love all of you. To my friends in Christ at VMI, Bob, Dob, Timmy, Rich, Brad, Chaplain, Jim and Pam, John and all the rest, thanks for just being here as servants in Christ. Without all of you, life would have been much more difficult. Thanks to all the Bio Boys. I'll always treasure our friendships. Oh yes, "anchors away." Chris R.! Some say to save the best for last and that's where you come in Rachel. Thank you for filling that desire in my heart for a life long companion. I know Christ has brought us together and will most assuredly do His will in both our lives.

JCK

DYKES 1979: Dale Anthony Ogg
1985: Tyke "The Dyke" Arnold, Ken "Walrus" Walus

ROBERT HUGH KLENKE

"Col. Klink, Bubba"
Toms Brook, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dean's List 1, 2, 3, 4; NROTC Scholarship; MHBSA 3, 2

As much as I dislike VMI I cannot say that I haven't gained from this experience. I hope when I leave VMI I will be able to develop friendships as deep as those I have here. The four years of education and the confidence I gained in the Rat line will serve me well in the future. However, I never did like to be subordinate to people who command respect but don't deserve it, therefore I am not sorry to leave. I appreciate all the help my friends and family have given me. I hope to see you after I leave VMI, because you won't see me here again.

DYKES 1979: Jim Pouzar
1985: Jeff Rickard

PERRY LEE KNIGHT

Buena Vista, Virginia
English — Army Infantry

Cross Country 4; Indoor Track 4; Mess Hall Committee 2; English Society 3; Cadet Assistant 1; Cadre 1; Summer School 3; Room 418 Bomb Squad; Firefighters 3

Perry is a local boy and one of the first inhabitants of B.V. to ever graduate from college. He'll need that English degree when he starts sweeping floors at the Modine plant in June. His marriage is scheduled that month also, all will go well until Lynn kicks Perry's bed causing him to file for divorce. As long as he gets custody of the spittoon and cut-rates at Thackery's he'll be fine. In 1980 I was caught in a gasoline explosion, in that instant of my near death I did not see my own life but an image of Perry screaming "I need a dip I'm going into D.T.'s!" Best of Luck, A.T.R.P.

I would like to thank my parents for their support all my years here. Lynn, I could never thank you enough for all the love and for adding light to an otherwise dark, rocky road making these four years the most valuable; our time together has just begun!

DYKES 1979: Phillip Andrews
1985: Owen McIntyre, David "Dude" Campbell

DAVE PAUL KOHLER

"Cone, Cone Head, Cone Dog"
Cherry Hill, New Jersey
Civil Engineering

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 2, 1; Starmmtisch 2, 1

I came to VMI ready to take the world on; I knew that what lay ahead would not be easy as they pounded us into a rat-hole four stoops deep. VMI forced my B.R.'s and myself to slowly climb out of this hole together building a common bond which never could be broken. The unforgettable friendships and the new perspectives brought into my life leaves me with no regrets in my four year challenge. I'd like to thank God for my health and determiniation he has given me, to have had the opportunity to successfully complete my four year endeavor. I can safely look back now and say I enjoyed the experience which has shaped and molded my future, but I'm glad it's behind me. I would like to extend a special thanks to Scot, Jerry and all my friends for being such a great help throughout my cadetship! Most of all I want to thank my family, Mom, Dad, Jim, Jan, Katza, and Buddy for being the greatest inspiration and support anybody, anywhere could ever ask for. I would have never made it through without you all. I am extremely proud in what I have accomplished, and to be a part of the Kohler family!

Love ya all,
Dave xox

ALEXANDER EDWARD KUCHNIA

"Dr. K, Cap'n Kuch, Heartbreaker, Kush'/nēä"
Raleigh, North Carolina
Economics — Air Force (Nav)

Karate; Ski Club; Scuba Club; Sport Parachute; Fencing; Riding; Glee Club; Cade Battery; Firefighters; Cabin Party '81 Survivor; KOA; Con-Pro (3)/1000 Mile/70%/AWOL/500/No. 1 Clubs!

My longing for adventure brought me to the "I", where the daily challenges threatened and stifled every ounce of sanity. With those challenges, I learned that every undertaking, however great or small, brought excitement to a lifestyle desperately in need of just that. VMI enhanced life itself! It is one thing to take the long and seldom traveled road, but completely another to go cross-country. I am privileged and honored to be *from* VMI, and the memories of the many experiences, the joys and heartbreaks, and the true friends I've made, will inspire me throughout my life. I thank my roommates and friends for putting up with "Dixie", "Breakdown", etc., at all hours and hope that my 'strings' have brought them some enjoyment. To Fellow and Ed; thank you for the opportunity and the inspiration. To my parents and sisters; acceptance was all I ever asked, but beyond that you freely gave your love and understanding. Without you . . . well, it need not even be said. I love you all more than you'll ever know.

DYKES 1979: Ahmad Khandan
1985: Dan Jordan
'82-'85 Harvey "Cap'n Harv" Smith

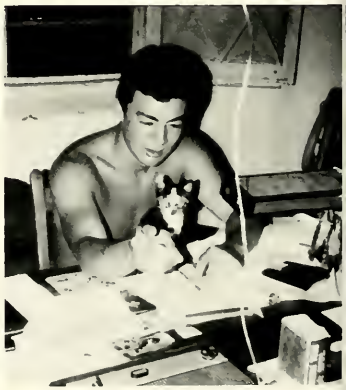
WILLIAM J. KULAS

"Kul, Funky Chinaman, Jimmy"
Civil Engineer — Air Force

Rugby 4, 3, 1; Equestrian Club 2; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1
Hollins Roadsters 3, 2, 1; West Point; Virginia Tech 81

Life at VMI
Eighty two bottles of beer on the wall
Eighty two bottles of beer
Take one down, pass it around . . .
I hope it was only amnesia.

DYKES 1979: Mike Mullins
1985: Harry Kirby and Jim Steinbower



PERRY ROBERT LAUSTSEN

Piscataway, New Jersey
Economics — Navy

Private 4, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Soccer 4; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; SYE Investment Fund 3; Cadet Program Board 3, 1, Vice President 1

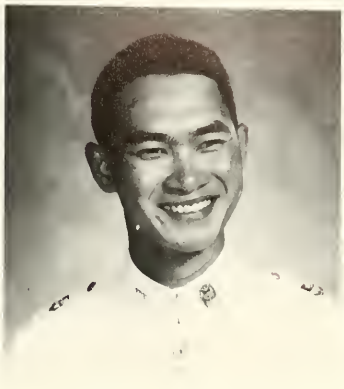
Perry, a foreign exchange student from Piscataway, wherever that is, came to V.M.I. with the intentions to master Civil Engineering and to play soccer. Instead, he like the rest of us ended up losing his hair and majoring in changanomics . . . I mean Economics. Of course he still holds on to those dreams of Civil Engineering, who else would spend three hours a night fixing his bed frame? In reality Perry should do well after graduation, he already has a prestigious (?) job with the Navy when he graduates, what else could a man want other than to be an Ensign on a Garbage Scow? Seriously, it has been a pleasure to have known Perry, best of luck in the future.

P.L.K.

I would like to thank my parents for their support and understanding and wish my roommates the best of luck in their futures.

P.R.L.

DYKES 1979: Bob Caudle
1985: Mike Dittamo



SON MINH LE

"Tojo the Kamikaze, Fred the Terrorist"
Falls Church, Virginia
Electrical Engineering

Cadet Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 1; Corporal 3; Glee Club 4; Bomb 4, 3, 2; Timmins Society 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC 82; Ring Construction Committee 2; IEEE 1; Psycho Corner 3, 1; MHBSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Available Club 4, 3, 2, 1

Son has come to us from the "Paris of the Orient", having been fortunate enough to leave his home in Vietnam just days before the communist takeover. Being highly exposed to the military, a four year tour of the "1" was inevitable. Our first year, he had to deal with the Ratline under unique circumstances, for at that time he was still familiarizing himself with our language and customs. When the 3rd class curriculum brought many EE's to the reality of Economics, Son didn't deviate from his original goals. He walked along the straight, but narrow path known as the 2.0 tight rope.

I suppose as a result of his being in the Timmins Society, he has developed a refined taste for contemporary classical music. Performers such as Hendrix, the Doors, and the Jefferson Airplane are at the top of his list.

In all seriousness, the concepts of honor and duty practiced by Son, will ensure him success in everything he does and respect everywhere he goes.

RZ

"Take it as it comes . . ."

— Doors

DYKES 1979: Allen B. Higginbotham
1985: David B. Higginbotham, Glenn A. Hoffman

DONGEE LEE

"D.K., L.D., Dong-Ki, Dongee"
Falls Church, Virginia

The Bomb Photographer 4, 3, 1; Rat Training 4; SFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Hobbies Bicycling; Bike Touring; Swimming; Stamp Collecting

"Well, I love it
and I hate it.
Some of the things there
I don't like at all,
but I was born there,
and that's my home,
and I will still defend it
even if I hate it."

William Faulkner

DYKES 1979: Mike (Ando) Scott Anderson
1985: Tony Neal

MARK ALLEN LEE

Salem, Virginia
C.E. — Air Force

Baseball 4; Cpl 3; First Sergeant 2; F Company Commander 1; Boxing 3, 2, 1; Azalea Festival 2

The first time I ever heard of Mark Lee was as a rat with a funny accent coming from the back of the company, "Lee, M.A., Salem Virginia, Sir. I had to do my best to keep from laughing out loud, me being a New York Yankee. Then we were finally out of the ratline and it was time to pick out roommates for Third Class year. Josh, Ashley, and I let Mark in because he said he could clean the sink real well. You see, we were going to have a motivated room, boy that didn't last long. As the years went by I found just how much alike Mark and I were. We got "sick" at the same times, we both are totally lazy and we both like to argue just to hear ourselves speak. It's been a real experience these years; a good one. I wish the best to you and Rhonda (I hope she doesn't mind the junk mail you love to send away for). We have had a lot of good times in the room, and I think we are really going to miss them.

T.A.B.

I would like to thank my Mom and Grandparents for all of the help that they have given me over these past four years, Thanks Folks! And the man who is totally responsible for my attending VMI — Mr. John Hall '65, I sincerely thank you for your recruiting efforts. Rhonda September isn't far off!

"Helg"

DYKES 1979: Larry Williams
1985: Joe Irby

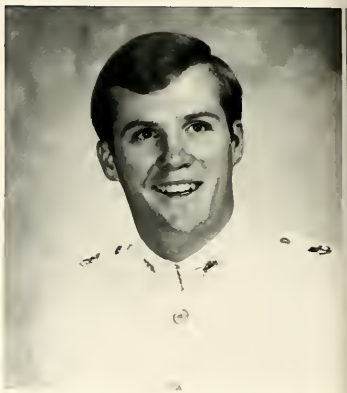
STEVEN JON LEVAN

"Stevie, Cecil, Levanski, the Baron, Aqua-man, Piddler"
Forest, Virginia
Economics — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Dean's List 2, 1; Regt. Colors 2; Ring Figure Confinement Club 2; Lynchvurgh Club 4, 3, 2, 1

I first remember Levani in "rat ranks." His corporal never ceased to complain about his below standard shoes. He was a born grub private. I didn't get to really know him until I moved in with the "18" crew the middle of our third class year. If Steve did nothing else, he taught me that with a little work I could improve my grades. We've had some great times together — the end of our third class year (Yes, we did get drunk) — the end of our second class year (We got drunk again sorry about the sink, man!) — all our little banana wars (and your endless piddling, Cecil!) I will always remember Steve as a true BR, a man who knew where he was (except for Ring Figure) and where he was going. Thanks for all the memories, Stevie, but remember I never did like you . . .

DYKES 1979: Joe Bonsignore
1985: Roy Creasy, David Olsen, Teyloe Domerson, Pete Bampton, Bill Warnick



RICHARD BRIAN LITTLEFIELD

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

In looking over my cadetship I find I can express my thoughts better through the words of others. Therefore, I offer the following:

> In looking over our lives, we often
> see that what seemed at the time the
> worst hours and the most hopeless were
> in reality the best of all. They developed
> powers within us that had heretofore
> slept, developed energies of which we
> had never dreamed.
>
> — James Freeman Clarke

continuing on;

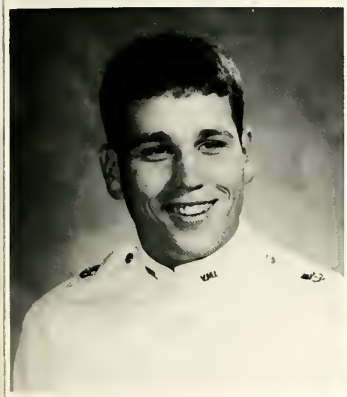
> The happiness of life is made up of minute
> fraction . . . The little, soon forgotten
> charities of a kiss or a smile, a kind
> look, a heart felt compliment and the
> countless infinitesimals of pleasureable
> and genial feeling.
>
> — Coleridge

Finally,

> Life is absurd and meaningless — unless
> you bring meaning to it, unless you make
> something of it. It is up to us to create
> our own existence.
>
> — Alan Alda

One last word of thanks to my family for all the love and support they've given me.

DYKES 1978: R. W. Brown
1984: T. B. Graham
1985: G. A. DeGrote



WILLIAM EDWARD LINDQUIST

Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Member of the Original Bay Brothers 3, 2, 1; Rugby Song and Party Chairman 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Ski Club; "Rat Daddy" 3, 2, 1; Dave Bratton Slum Club; BOHECA/AFROTC 1; Observation "28" 3, 2, 1

On Aug. 23, 1978 I entered the world of VMI. It is now nearing its end, and for me it has been a long pull. Rugby has been a very important part of my VMI life since becoming an upperclassman. If it weren't for playing Rugby I might not have made it. Then again, I might not have made it without the great dykes I had as a rat. My roommates and friends have also had a great deal to do with my making it. Who could say whether I'd have made it without these people? There are two people, however, I know I couldn't have made it without. I want to thank my mother and father for all their support through my stay at VMI. Without their understanding and backing I would never have made it. I'd also like to answer one question I know they must ask themselves: "Yes Mom and Dad I'm glad I came to *VMI*.

DYKES 1979: John Nichols '78 and Drew Foulconer '78
1985: Dave Wood

ROBERT PAGE LOUTHAN

"Bob, Rooster-Head"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Historian Class of 1982; General Committee; Executive Committee; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Seminar Chairman 1; Distinguished Military Student; National Sojourners Award 2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Fri. Night Skiing 1

Everyone has their ups and downs at VMI, but anyone who stays here for four years must care for the place a little bit. I'll have to admit that VMI was the right place for me. Even though I always seemed to find the easy road through this place my roommates still had to put up with my exaggerated complaints almost every day. To them I owe the world. To our dykes I wish the best of luck over the next three years. To our class, thanks for pulling together when we really needed to. And Bitz and Jeff, thanks for all your time and efforts, but most of all thanks for just being friends.
P.S. Yes Chuck Pace, sometimes we do regret pulling you out of the Maury River.

DYKES 1979: Reggie Sadler
1985: Drew Smith

CECIL WAYNE LUCY

"The Juice"
Dewitt, Virginia
History — Air Force

Dean's List 2; Equestrian Club President 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Investment Club 3; CWRT 3; Ring Figure Band Comm. 2; Cheify's Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; One Half of the Doc and Juicer Show 4, 3, 2, 1; Dudley's Island Bird Watchers 3, 2, 1

It's hard to believe that the Lexington vacation is over, boy did we get more than the travel agent promised! It was always interesting to see what Davis would do next. Thanks Doc for keeping me laughing for had I not laughed through it I would surely have cried. You were more than a Brother Rat — you were a brother period. Thanks to the Reeves clan, for the afternoons at "Bellevae" sure made me feel closer to home.

Mom and Dad, the only way I can thank you and Steve for your support that was always there is to take what I've got and make it count. It was your love and guidance that helped me through. VMI will always be a group of people to me not a place. The people here were what made it worth coming back to. Some of the people here I would have never seen the likes of at any other college. Some of the things I saw I must remind myself "Only here could it have happened!"

DYKES 1979: Dale Drury
1985: Matt Gilliam

KEVIN MICHAEL LUNDGREN

"Kev, Al, Todd Rundgren, The CYNIC"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy — NFO

Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre Corporal 3; ASCE Student Chapter 4, 3, 2, 1; Lejeune Hall Cadet Assistant 2, 1; Grotto Club 4, 3; Sport Parachute Club 4; Pep Band 4, 3; McGovern Expedition '81; Summer School '81; Band Company First Class Privates Club

Listen To Your Father, Who Gave You
Life,
And Do Not Despise Your Mother
When She Is Old.
Buy The Truth And Do Not Sell It;
Get Wisdom, Discipline And
Understanding.
The Father Of A Righteous Man Has
Great Joy;
He Who Has A Wise Son Delights In
Him.
May Your Father And Mother Be Glad;
May She Who Gave You Birth Rejoice!

Proverbs 23:22-25

God grant me the courage to change the things I can change, the serenity to accept those I cannot change, the wisdom to know the difference — but God grant me the courage not to give up what I think is right even though I think it is hopeless.
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

DYKES 1979: Nobody Worth Mentioning
1985: William Scott Bryant, David Scott Hardy (1st Sem.)

ELLIOT MORALES

"Puertorican Flash, El Coqui"
Juncos, Puerto Rico
Electrical Engineering — USMC

Track 4, 3, 1; IEEE 1; Pistol Team 3; Promaji 4, 3, 1; Monogram Club 3, 1

The VMI experience is one that is very difficult to describe to an outsider. One would have to be a cadet to understand what makes one stay at VMI, or return after he has decided to leave the corps. There have been many people who have helped me along in my cadetship, and to them I give my thanks. I am sincerely grateful for all the drive that my parents and family have given me these past years. These years at VMI have not been easy, but I am happy to say that it has made me part of the VMI family with the class of '82.

DYKES 1979: Pedro Alvarez
1985: Jeff Riddle, Todd Thornes

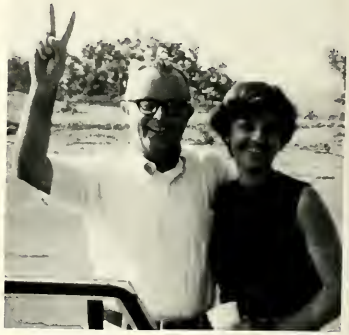
THOMAS JEFFERIES MADIGAN

"Dog, Shraupp, John Engles, Doggie, Pup, Mr. Dog"
Springfield, Virginia

Pvt, 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Major 1; Varsity Soccer 4, 3, 2, ½; Number 1 Club; Bamboo Lane 2; Class Treasurer; Mexican (IFL Champs) 1; Myrtle Beach Pit Crew; MWC 3; MBC 3; FBI 2; MWC 2; JMU 2; Permit Writing 3, 2, 1

VMI is a noble institution, but would not be so without that certain percentage of "quality" people it attracts. They know who they are, in this instance, and I love them for their support. Those days spent with the good 'ole boys (Hank, Apollo, Doc, Earl, the dykes, etc.) were some of the finest ever, and do by no means vanish with graduation. To Grey Fox, Muz, J.P., Mark (cough), Pink Queen and Cow I send my love and thanks. And if Buffet wasn't in Florida, I'd say something to him, too. I'm still wondering though whether or not Mark was right when he said, "stick to your guns, go to college . . ." Well as Jackson Browne would say, "Don't confront me with my failures, I had not forgotten them."

DYKES 1979: Danny Foster
1985: Matt Carter (sanka) and Steve Patton



GUY LOUIS MARANGONI

"Macaroni"
Glen Burnie, Maryland
Civil Engineering — Army

Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, Treasurer 1; Airborne School; Rat Training Company Commander 1; Firefighters 2, 1; Guidon Bearer 1; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1

I met Guy "Macaroni" the night before matriculation at the hotel, and who would have guessed we would become such good friends? Neither of us. We've weathered four years of this place, even though we were always going to drop out and sell coconuts to tourists in the Bahamas. Guy has changed a lot in four years, from an Air Force Physics major to a Civil Engineer of the Army persuasion. Airborne, death from above, devils in baggy pants and all that non-leg stuff. Remember, to live in fame or go down in flame. How he managed to get through VMI, keep his roommates in stitches with his humor, and meet so many girls at the same time I'll never understand. It is hard for me to imagine a day without Guy's smiles at my misfortune, no matter how hard I try. He laughed when I went up to the RDC, he laughed when I was quarter guard, but he also managed to make me laugh as well. C'mon Smith, I'll take you on! All the way from mother jokes to stories of my brother, I figure Guy will have an excellent career as helicopter pilot, all two days of it. Good luck Guy.

KAS

Thanks Mom and Dad.

GLM

DYKES 1979: David H. Kopelman
1985: Donald R. Scoggins, II

GEORGE DEWEY MARTIN III

"Duence, Kip, Dudley, Randy"
Springfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Civil Engineering; Corps of Engineers; Lt. 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; AUSA 3; Cadet Asst. 2, 1; Debate Club 2; TCFC 3, 2; CBC 82; Institute Escort 1; Azalea Fest. 2; Ski Club; Salem Soc. Club Mem. 1; Recondo Qual. 1

When I look back over the last four years and the innumerable changes in my life that have taken place, I don't regret what has transpired at all. I've often wondered what would have happened to me had I attended an easier civilian school, but the effects of my choice to come here are minimized when I consider the input of my family and friends. Remember the straining, sweat parties, academic horror, confinement, P.T.'s inspections — summer school, furloughs, Ring Figure, F.C.P., "The Boat", Goshen, and the shark-cutters, it quickly becomes apparent that VMI is a difficult means to a rewarding end; and I have enjoyed it. Mom and Dad, Neil, James, Paul, Randy, Pipes, T.J.I. IV, your unending love, support, and help I'll always be appreciative of.

GMD III

DYKES 1979: Paul C. Jussel
1985: Ray Baldwin, Chip Downey

JOHN ADDISON MATHEWS, JR.

"Big Bird, Dracula"
Appomattox, Virginia
Navy

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1 (and proud of it); Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Grub 3, 2, 1

What can we say about John? Dependable, friendly, crazy, all of these words well describe the Brother Rat we have had the pleasure of being able to call our roommate. Always willing to help whether be finding the answer to an equation, a bright spot in a dismal day, or a date for a hop, John was always there. Thanks John for a great time and an even better friendship we shall always remember.

Dave and Mike

Well, the time has come for me to leave the wonderous confines of the Institute. Joyful as the times have been, I couldn't have gotten through the rough spots without help. Thanks Dave and Mike for being there to listen whenever I griped, thank-you Anita for making the weekends the most enjoyable of times, (the most!) and finally thank-you Mom and Dad for all your support. I could not have endured the "wonderful" times without you.

J.A.M.

DYKES 1979: Stan Ballard
1985: Ken McNulty

GEORGE FREDERICK MAYFORTH JR.

"Link, Junior"
Fairfield, Connecticut
Civil Engineering — Army

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; M/Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; Honor Court 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee 2, 1; Azalea Festival Escort 2; Ski Club 4, 1; Cliff Painting Committee 2; GMT Club 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1

When Junior packed his bags and headed south to the "I", he left behind a beach cottage full of beach bound buddies and many, many broken hearts. Upon his arrival, George entered the gates of Jackson Arch and readily accepted all the challenges of becoming a V.M.I. man. After four long years this task is accomplished, George rose from being a petrified rat in Echo Company to Rat Company Commander, and along the way gaining the respect of his Brother Rats by being elected to The Honor Court. George has the natural ability to brighten any situation. This very rare quality is what people have come to love and cherish about George. Over the years George has filled our hearts with many fond memories. These are the memories that Bamboo lane will cherish. Personally, I'm very grateful that I've had the opportunity to know and appreciate a person with such sincerity. Finally, aside from what is taught in the classroom, George has taught me the very valuable lesson of friendship. Because of this I feel I have gained more of a friend than I ever thought was possible. Thank you. Good luck and continued success for the future and remember one thing: Who loves ya Georgie??

SOC

DYKES 1979: Farshad Majidian
1985: Thomas D. Hunt

JOEL SCOTT McBROOM

"Boomer, Broomy, Mac"
Durham, North Carolina
Biology — U.S.M.C.

Biology — United States Marine Corps; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Secretary — RDC; Boxing 2, 1; Marine Detachment 3, 2, 1; Airborne School; Scuba Diving

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the string man stumbled or how the doer of the deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; and spends himself in a worthy cause who if wins, knows the triumph of high achievement, and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

DYKES 1979: Reza Zenali
1985: Ralph Tremaglio (Heroling), Jack Emerson

WILLIAM WALKER McCATHERN

"Willy"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Navy

Varsity Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Fido/Bohica Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Writer 1; Tender Vittles 4, 3, 2, 1

A gamut of fond memories drift across my mind as I reflect upon my existence here. From Jeff and Busch tanning lotion to my psychoanalytical girl talks with B.T. Chuck, perhaps we too will parade amongst the Chariotters. Bob, you lifesaver, we've come a long way together. I'll bring a pack when we're out on that lake someday. Dan, I'll never forget your subtle humor and wit which when in combo with my silly giggling made me laugh my cadetship away. (Ha! Ha!) Was that SRC? God bless you mom and Dad for all your love, support, and understanding.

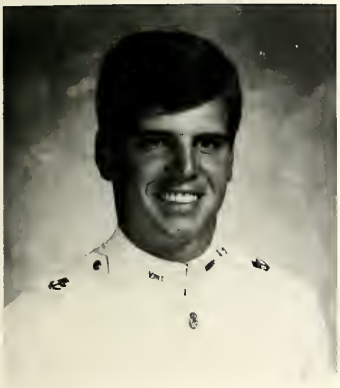
With our four year trek concluded we'll soon go our separate ways. But now it's Miller Time — time to wipe the dust from that bottle of vintage '78.

Everyone, a toast . . . to "The Good Times".

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Thoreau

DYKES 1979: Wallace Bradley Jones
1985: Jeb "Colonel" Wilkerson



PATRICK DENNIS McCLAVE

"The Phantom, Irish, Mic., Andy Cap"
Smithtown, New York
Civil Engineering — U.S.M.C.

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA 1; Ring Figure Co-Chairman 2; IHSN Club 1; HMWH Club 1; Pvt. 3, 2, 1

A co-dyke and later a roommate with Pat I've known him 4 years. Our dykes called him by 4 letter words since he was the worthless rat among us. Wasn't until March 79 that I learned his real name. X-checking together for our dykes ultimately led us to being roomies. Third class year '82 discovered what talent the Mic really possessed . . . Drinking. Recently, while donating blood to the Red Cross the nurses out of concern informed Pat that his blood test showed he was steady at 60 proof. That year too Pat and Wop enjoyed hikes to such cosmopolitan cities as Strasburg second class year: Putting in many hours as co-chairman of Ring Figure, '82 saw the best. Can't forget traveler's trough and the rugby trips or rather parties. First class year: It's gone by so fast. I'll miss wrestling and running the block. Thanks to the Mic, he's made it the best four years it could have been. I would like to thank Mom and Dad and Gary for always being there when I needed someone to talk to. Hey Tom if you're not with the one you love . . . Good luck to Dus Mul next year.

DYKES 1979: Sput Headbetter, Tom Baltazar, Randy Young, Byrdman, Spacecuse Hulmes
1985: Tatum Young, Joe "Moses" Mulone

JOSEPH JAMES McCONNELL

"Neutron, J.J."
C.E. — Army

Firefighters 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; Religious Council 2, 1; RFYC 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 3, 2; Dean's List 3, 1; Summer School 2, 1

"Our existence here has been less than ideal"

DYKES 1977: Rick Jones
1985: Charles Chappel, Phillip Galgano

JAMES KERNAN McCRARY

"Jim, Jimmy, B.J., Big Red"
Manassas, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 3; Indoor/Outdoor Track 4; RFYL 3, 2, 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3; VMI Theatre 3, 2; Sigma Pi Sigma 2, 1; MHBSA 4, 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; VMI Firefighters

Many will remember Jim as the man with the repetitive bad jokes and phrases that were spewed out so often that they actually became funny. With Jim it was always Pete who fell off the fence, the physicists who did it with simple simple harmonic motion, and the Navy that had the greatest adventure. A few, his closest friends will remember him as a warm and caring friend with an optimistic nature. We've had many good times — running, rooming together, and searching for the elusive female species. I hope we'll have many more. Smooth sailing, Jim.

RPC '82

Four years gone by already, I can't believe it. It seems like only yesterday that we were Rats . . . I'd like to thank all those people, especially my parents, teachers, and close friends who helped me make these four years possible with their love and support.

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads."
— Henry David Thoreau

DYKES 1979: Kevin Brown
1985: Samuel Maroon

THOMAS ROBERT McCUNE

"The Skull"
Annandale, Virginia
Biology — Army

Pvt. 4; Velcroe Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Stars 3, 2, 1; Army ROTC 2-Year Scholarship; JRT Carmicheal Award 3; American Legion Silver Medal for Scholastic Excellence 2; Pre Med Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmons Music Society 4, 3, Pres. 2, 1; Scuba Club, Sec. 2; VPI; Bomb and Photographer 4, 3, 2; Ski Club 3, 2; Carrol Hall Drinking Club Co-Founder; Ski Club 3, 1

I can proudly say that I am a "Cretin". This title did not come easy but took three years of hiding in Carrol Hall (The Biology Building). Hiding in the darkest recesses of Carrol Hall gave me the escape I needed to achieve the goals for which I came. Everyone thought we only studied in the building but a few heard of the 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala/Parade. I don't think the Bio class of '83/or the building itself will ever forget the 1st Semester Exams Massacre of 1980. The Head Cretin are still confused about the random guerrilla raids of the Beakerhood. The Beakerhood members have separated to go to different Med Schools, as was always the goal.

Our rat year we were told to look left and right to see our BR's who would quit. My rat roommates were on either side of me. They are no longer here. I have since been rooming with Rob and Jeff. They have always been supporting and the source of interesting discussions. Mel no longer rooms with me but has retained the title "Room-mate Emeritus".

My parents were very supportive these four years. They never pushed me and allowed me to make my own decisions. (My choices did not always seem right at the time but they have paid off) I am thankful for the understanding and love my parents showed me.

I wish all my Brother Rats the best of luck in the future.

DYKES 1979: Sicuesh Eslami
1982: Jeff Etheridge, Rich Magger

DARREN WAYNE McDEW

"Mac, Dew, Kermit"
Hampton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Promaji Club 4, 3, Vice President 2, President 1; Honor Court 1; Posit Committee 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; JV Basketball 4; Ring Figure Selection and Design Committee 2; Intramural B-Ball Champs 3, 2; Charles Dayhuff Award 2; Douglas MacArthur Award 1; Cpl. 3; Regt. S-3 Sgt. 2; First Captain 1

There is no way that I could convey, in words, my feelings about the good things that VMI has helped me to find in myself and the many qualities she has given me. I have always thought that I would have a whole lot to say when it came down to writing my First Class History. I had visions of making a very profound statement or of saying something that would not be soon forgotten. Well, I have no such time stopping statements.

I would, however, like to thank Mom and Dad for being there and having confidence in me when I had none in myself. Thank-you Doc for my sanity and thank you Horne, Toad, Joey and Jerome for not allowing me to get out of hand. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me make it this far. To Mike Herndon and David Twillie, thank-you for providing Comic Relief. Good Luck Dykes!

I would still like to leave an excerpt from an article in a 1976 issue of Sepia Magazine. "Pray I, would the day come when no one would ever see in race or color any measure of the good or evil in men. Would we also find no more significance in skin color than in the color of eyes or hair."

DYKES 1979: Curtis McCabe
1985: Michael "HERNDON" Herndon, David "Rat Twillie" Twillie, Young Darryl Horne

ROBERT ANDRE McEVOY JR.

"Bob, Blob, Big Mac, Clyde, FS"
Ardsley, New York

IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; Rangers 4; VMI Firefighters 2, 1; NY and NJ Club 3, 4, President 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 4; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt.; Torque's Parking 3, 2; Gang 116

Four years ago the "Dancing Bear" entered wrestling arena 350, and in four years has gone from a cosmopolitan, momma's boy to a "Ford loving redneck." Rat year Bob's timid personality left him to overcome such feats as able to dodge a jerky shoulder Ramtis in the P.X. enough to keep his maximum bulk potential intact, and able to dodge a speeding Brasso can from the "Hulk" Muller. As the years progressed "the Bod" influenced Bob into the 3rd Class Car Club. We finally found Bob's true look alike with the help of Clint Eastwood; yes, "Clyde" has really made a lasting impression on Scott, Al and I, and without Bob's ever cheerful personality and ready for a P.X. check attitude the four years at V.M.I. would have been endless. We are deeply indebted to you Bob, thanks. Good luck and Godspeed.

D.L.R. '82

Thank you Allen, Dave, and Scott for making school at V.M.I. bearable and perhaps even fun at times. Thanks Mom and Dad for all your guidance and most of all your love.

DYKES 1979: Ali Moradi (Iran)
1985: Kurt Iversen

RONALD PATRICK McGOVERN

"Mac, Ron, Budman, Mac Tool"
Clark, New Jersey
History — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; RDC 1; Civil War Roundtable 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet 4; NY-NJ Club 4, 3, 2, 1; McGovern Expedition '81; Band Co. 1st Class Private's Club; Cadet Battery 1; Bomb, Photography Staff 1; Pep Band 4; Dean's List 3, 2, 1

It would appear at first glance that the VMI years have been bad for Mac. However, to those fortunate enough to be counted as friends of Mac's, a much different picture emerges. Sure, Mac has had his share of hard times and disappointments have been frequent in Mac's cadetship. He always bounced back wiser for his troubles, and who could forget Mac's love affair with the Irish? Mac enlightened many of us, ignorant of the Irish people, on the ability of the Irish to weather the most demanding of times without losing their humor. Down with the Brits (Sorry George)! Erin Go Brah! As for the ladies, in my eyes, you will always be a ladies' man without a lady. Why worry about it now when you have two of the finest ladies waiting at home? Ron's future? Anybody that can drink as much Bud as the "Budman" must have a bright future in store for him. If you can't find a job yourself Mac, which I doubt will be the case, there will always be a place in the Dahlinger Beer Corporation as Master Brewer. Best of luck to you in the future Ron. You have been a great inspiration to me these past four years.

MAD

DYKES 1979: Chip Marohn
1985: Stanley "Big Stash" Adamus, George "The Brit" Headey

JOHN ALLEN MEADOWS

"Father John, Silly Bear"

Cadet Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, Vice President 1; Cadet Bugler 2, 1; Good Deal Band Co. 4, 3, 2, 1

In wearing this ring, and in writing this history, I have achieved probably the highest goal I have ever set for myself: To graduate from V.M.I. It has been an eternity, yet a fleeting moment, since I arrived here, terrified and unsure. Yet I have reached my goal and, strange as it may seem, I will find it hard to leave here.

But in leaving I have found myself, yet more importantly, I have found my family. To Mom and Dad, I could never tell you how much I really love you, or what you have done for me, but Thank you. And Debbie, in you I have found love, and a new life to look forward to, with you. And yes Jay, I couldn't have made it without you either; thanks.

I really dug myself a deep hole, but I have finally worked my way out of it, and into a new world, full of new promises and goals. Thank you all for being behind me and beside me, for in this diploma are countless hopes, tears, and dreams.

John

DYKES 1979: Bob Sievert
1985: Edward Dickenson, Del Kienholz

RONALD CHARLES MECREDY

"Mac, Creedy, Little Jay, Strange Agent Rackin Ron, Mr. Coffee"
Memphis, Tennessee
Biology — Air Force

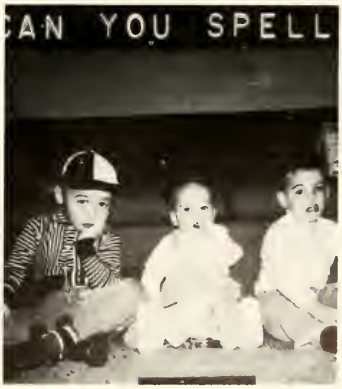
Athletic Trainer 4, 3, 2, 1; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; God's Squad 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private

Ron started his training career before any of his B.R.'s arrived. His freshman year was made so pleasant by his mother, Jay, that he returned as a sophomore, where he lived on the second floor. He was surprised as his B.R.'s still performed initiation rites, but discovered he was at a military school when forced to march in his first parade. Ron returned as a second with visions of Ring Figure, but his date was hospitalized. He wanted to die, but instead danced with my date (ok, you're the better dancer). Ron left the security of his rack to meet new girls, but quickly returned. His quest for girls continued as a first, as he changed either his underwear or his girl weekly. Some weeks we wished he had a steady.

Good luck as a navigator, and may your pilot always have a road to follow.

An RM/RT Production.

DYKES 1979: Jay Grant Virtue
1985: R. Baldwin, K. Minnè



RICHARD PAUL MEYER

"Tasmanian Devil, Oscar"
Greenlawn, New York
Economics — Air Force

Delta Co. Rat X.O. 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Radford Road and Traveling Team 3, 2, 1; Young Economists; All-Pro 1st Team

Well it certainly has been a long and winding road, with more curves than I ever would have imagined. It all began in the sweltering dog days of late August, 1978. Little did I know what I was in for. The haircut felt nice, but it sure didn't look good. After the first week I wished I hadn't had that last beer with the boys at home. I was paying for my years of fun dearly. When I couldn't go drinking that first weekend, much less relax, I knew things were going to be different. And different they certainly were. I can't say it was fun, but V.M.I. has helped me to grow up. Without some of my buddies here I never would have come this far. You do find out who your "true" friends are. Thanks Clem and good luck in the Corps. Also thanks to Mom and Dad, without your help and cooperation I'd probably be driving a truck today.

DYKES 1979: Don Zimmer
1985: John Powers

WESLEY TODD MINNIX

"Squat, Little Wang, Minimum, Little Injun"
Lexington, Virginia
Civil Engineering

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Club 378; Club '32 2, 1; Varsity Football Mgr. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse Club 4, 3, 2 (Treas.), 1 (Capt.); Dean's List 4, 3; Monogram Club 1; Virgin Forest Society 3, 2; Goshen Pass Club 2, 1

So, It has been four long years. Four years that seemed like eternity, but in retrospect appear to have been just yesterday. Rat year was a drag! If it weren't for my dykes I don't know how I could've survived. Third Class year was great, 378 and 380, the backgammon and beer. Second Class year, there was finally Romance and a new roommate (lizard) and the gang stayed to party together despite the loss of several of its members. Ring Figure was fantastic and the year as a whole was my best ever. First Class year has been great and will continue to get better. There are so many people and incidents which I'll never forget, like the party at the house, breakout on my birthday, the many road trips and above all, the Tang Syndrome. Macko, Tro, Kendall, Pearl, Floyd, Chris S., Chris L., Chip, Les, Van Stumper, J.C., Alco, Cay, Mom and Dad; Thank You for four great years.

WTM

DYKES 1979: Doug Mauck
1985: Davidson "Deedle" Scott, Brian Colgan

FREDERICK CHARLES MOCK

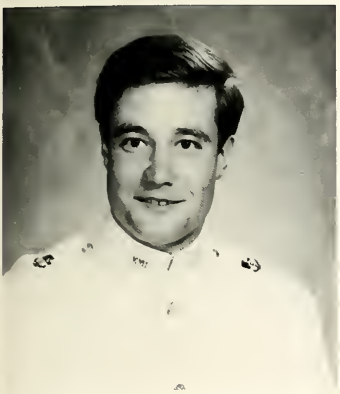
"Freddy"
Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Marines

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; First Sgt. 2; Capt. 1; ASC 3, 2, 1; SAME 1; Scuba Club 1

The late night in Preston library that was viciously bitten in the calf by a fellow cadet and a B.R., I realized that my insanity was not a lonely one. While, in time, the wound healed and the scars faded away, I came to know better a man whose friendship and example were capable of healing much more serious wounds, leaving only proud scars which would not fade with time. Freddie's cadetship blazed a long trail of achievement. Max P.F.T. scores, Marine Corps O.C.S., And command of C co. are but a few of the marks on that trail.

I will not ask how he survived mellon head's instant eclipse and terrorism routine, Adam's fluent obscenities, P. Knight's triple X productions. The pheasants of the Hotel Roanoke will fly again in spite of Fred's table manners and on the land, the air, and sea . . ." means combined arms operations Fred, not that you have to do all three personally.

DYKES 1979: John Kailey
1985: Scott Nelson, Pu Chen



JEFFREY ALESHIRE MODISETT

"Roosterhead, Fej, Jeffro, Modi____"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Vice-President Class of 1982; General Committee/Executive Committee 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Chairman Posit Committee 1; Institute Escorts 3, 2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; XO 1; Mule-Skinner; Tablecloth/Cliff Painting Committees; Busch Tanning Club; Pi Rho Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1

He burst out of a phone booth and was closely followed by a variety of women and his mobile sink and mirror unit. Brushing the women aside, he swung his laundry bag over his shoulder, adjusted his Greek sailor's cap, and winked. He scratched his chin and tossed me a bottle of "Brut", and so we were acquainted. In Jeff was found a man who could carry an intelligent conversation into the subconscious and return without breaking stride, and burst into violent laughter over apparently no cause whatsoever. In less than a year he captured the friendship and admiration of our class and had his amorous fangs deeply lodged in the necks of local girl's schools. We've forgotten what he said to the state trooper when found painting portions of I-81, or how he explained to the Army M.P.'s where he had acquired a mule in New York. Yet, that hardly matters now, now that he has been set loose upon the civilian community. May the rest of the world be so blessed with his gifts as we, and may it also survive the adjustment to his manner and self-styled grace.

I wish to tbank all of my friends for the many good times that we have had. I with my roommates (Will, Doug, Steve, and Chip) the very best of luck for they have been true friends. Most of all I wish to thank my parents and family for their unending concern, support, and interest.

DYKES 1979: Meade Spotts
1985: Mark Williams
1982: Doug (Fidel) Deaton

RICHARD MYRON MOORE II

"Dickie Moore"
New Market, Virginia
Civil Engineer (Special Student)

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Rat Football; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto's Most Valuable Nerk; Nerk Brothers Basketball Team 4; Summer School 3, 2, 1; Academically Undistinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Special Student 4, 3; Earl Potts Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

One would think that for someone who has had to stay at this hole for as long as I have would have grown accustomed to it. Well I haven't. I still hate this place. I have made a great deal of friends since entering the "I". These people know who they are so I won't bother listing them here. The one friend that I will mention is Doug. Doug and I have been together, battling academics and depression, since our rat year. Doug has made this place bearable, with Sunday Parties, trips to Tech, Tech football games, and who will forget Ring Figure. I also want to thank Mom and Dad for putting up with 3? summers in school, without your faith I would never had made it. Mike you were right, I shouldn't have come. Hey Doug, if it ain't something . . .

DYKES 1979: Alan Soltis
1985: P. W. Sarver, Mark Winger
198?: Scott Thomasson

STEPHEN ALDERTON MORGAN

"Yeti"
Woodstock, Virginia
Biology — Army

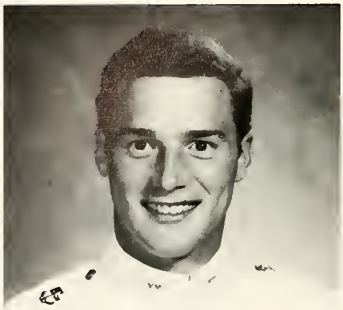
Pre Med Society; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Glee Club 4, 2, 1; Co-Founder Carrol Hall Drinking Committee

Two roads diverged in a woods and I —
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Four years ago I took a less traveled path to V.M.I. Only through the support of my family, friends, and the Lord did I succeed in reaching the goal which I set for myself. To Beaker, Woody, Geko, Craw, Skull, and the Ape, thanks for the constant friendship, support, and memories. Bob and Chris, you have put up with a lot over the past four years and yet our friendships are strong. You guys have been great roommates. Brenda, a very special lady, thanks for believing in me. I give you all my love. Mom, Bob, Jim and Walt, you instilled in me, and gave me the love, insight, courage, support, and confidence to stick to the road "less traveled by." My dream has become a reality. Dad, I hope I have made you proud.

DYKES 1979: Rick Parkinson
1985: Adam Babcock



JON KEVIN MOTT

"Bamboo, Sauce, Sugar Uggams"
Commack, Long Island/Decker Prarie, Texas
Civil Engineering — Air Force — Pilot

Honor Court 2, 1, Vice-President 1; Rugby 2, 1; ASCE President 1, Vice-President 2, Treasurer 3; Ring Figure Magazine Advertising Manager 2; Posit Committee 3; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 1; Dean's List 4, 3; Cpl. 3; Reg. Sgt. Maj./Pvt. 2; Reg. S-1/Pvt. 1; GMT Club 1; T-41 Flying Squadron XO 1

Ever since I've known Jon he's wanted to fly. Rat year he earned a Pilot scholarship and has soared through V.M.I. at seemingly Mach speed. Everything Sauce tried, he excelled at. (It was sickening!) whether at handball, rugby, or Zollomans. The team of Stew and Sauce was inseparable and unbeatable. Second Class year was the year — road trips, Labor Day cookout, Bamboo Lane, and Rugby. We learned (the hard way) that Wierd shops Saturday nights, and built a lot of character in two months. Finally, Bamboo found a new Lady — (sorry Diane) — Rosalita, and what a Lady. Bamboo, it's been quite an experience (I mean it, get outta here). You've been one helluva friend. My best to you and Diane — y'all stay in touch. One last bit of Philosophy — Gunga, Gunga, Gunga.

RGS III

Dr. King: Thanks for inspiring me.
Mom and Dad: Without you, I would never have made it. Thank you for all the love and support.
Diane: Thanks for all the love and understanding; 7 down, a lifetime to go!!

DYKES 1979: Phil Gallahan
1985: Jay Malik

GLEN MICHAEL MURPHY

"Houseplant, Murph, Mikie"
Vienna, Virginia
Economics — Navy

Treas. of Scuba Club 3, 2; Pres. Scuba Club 1; X Pres.; Sport Parachute Club 1; Rat Training Co. 1; Rat Training 3, 2, 1; Rat Company XO; Rat Company Commander; Lieutenant, Marine Corps Assc. 3, 2, 1; Young Economists 2, 1; Ass't Scuba Instructor 3, 2, 1; Snow Skiing; Water Skiing

When I first saw Mike that hot August day in 1978 with his arm in a sling I had no idea that I was about to meet the "American Sportsman." He goes at everything in life as he does his sports, that is he "goes for the gusto." One of his claims to fame can be easily seen as he is a survivor of the 346 wasteland. Except for that brief experimental period he was a great roommate for our four years. He was affectionately known as houseplant because often it was hard to get him out of the room for some fun but when he did go a good time was had by all. Mike is one of the most reliable Friends a guy could have and he can be counted on to accept enormous responsibilities which is evident of his outstanding work with the rats. He has a cool calm way about him that allows him to be one of the most level headed people around — that's hard to find at VMI! I know Mike will make a fine Marine officer if he can keep himself healthy from all the diving, skiing and falling from airplanes long enough to get in! He has two assets that will support him in the coming years — his loving family and beautiful wife to be, Kathy, with those he can't go wrong! Good luck Mike.

CWB

DYKES 1979: Robert Suthard
1985: Tom Hughes

RICHARD MUSTAKOS

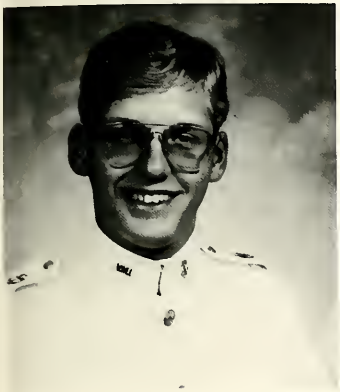
"Jake"
Reston, Virginia
Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 3; Nondean's List 4, 3, 2, 1

This is a place that reaches wide areas of life. Narrowing the mind in most of them, reinforces base actions and motivations, sets and enforces double standards, and shows the values and limitations of people. It is good preparation for the world. I am glad that I am done with this, and pray that I came out marked, but not scarred.

All the great explorers
are now in granite laid
under white sheets for the great unveiling
at the big parade
you can really learn a lot that way
it can change you in the middle of the day
though your confidence may be shattered
it doesn't matter.

DYKES 1979: Danny Sheaman
1985: Kevin Flynn



JAMES JOHN NAU III

"Jay, J.J., Jaybird, Squirrel"
Reisterstown, Maryland

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Good Deal Band Co. 4, 3, 2, 1; Second Class Drum Major; Space Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1

Can ANYTHING happen in four years of college? Well, if it is at all possible, everything has happened to Jay. Yet, from each obstacle, he merged, his smile and bearing more confident and self-assured. Yes, he spaced out, but he never did lose sight of that all-important goal: Graduation.

The end of the rainbow is finally here, and so are we. That rainbow's end, and this commencement, would not have been possible, were it not for the unfaltering support from Jay's family. To his Parents, Pop, and Dave; "Thank you is certainly not enough, but it'll do for now.

In my life, I have found no better friend, nor do I think I could have. He was always there, ready to encourage or console, or just listen. He made each day a little more bearable, yet nearly killed me with his seemingly endless supply of horrible jokes. In Jay I found a lifelong friend, the personification of the words; "Best Friend."

Jay, may you have all the luck in the world, and may the trade winds always fill your sails . . . Carry on, I'll miss you!

John

DYKES 1979: Stu Gitchell
1985: Barry Brockway, John Shimotsu

WILLIAM CURTIS NICHOLS

"Curt, Curto"
Flint Hill, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

ASCE, Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee 2; Water Polo 2, 1; Navy Scholarship 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1

I was raised in Flint Hill, A small town nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Rappahannock County, Virginia. It's the home of big farms and bigger politics. I am the product of a small school, good food and clean air. Supported by family and several alumni, Wednesday, August 23, 1978, became a grim reality.

Since entering VMI, I have not done anything particularly extraordinary, extremely bizzare, or something which cadets have not thought about and done a million times before. From a bloody nose in boxing to a faceful of dip at breakout, from stoop football to standing at the sink late at night, from the freedom of summer to the dreariness of the second month of confinement from not knowing much to knowing I don't know much.

It's all so incredible. The unity and friendships built over bard times and the hate/love relationship with VMI. The Kemps, Cool, Pat, Stu, Wopp, Tommy, Dicky, Smitty, Choke, Funk, Charlie, Next Door, Across the Courtyard, over two hundred stockholders in an indelible trust.

DYKES 1979: Joe Simas
1985: Joe Malone

WILLIAM NIVISON JR.

"Tarzan, Spock, Wet Willie"
Carlsbad, California

Varsity Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4; Scuba Club 3, 2, 1; Monograms Received for Basketball; Captain Varsity Basketball Team 82-82; Dean's List 1; Skiing, Scuba; Guitar

Well, my first three years at VMI I learned a great deal, but I don't have much to show for it. I'm happy to say that my last year has given me confidence to the future. Special thanks to the people who cared; Mike Veia, The Hostetters, The Davises, The Schmaus, The Sandys, The Millers, The O'Books, The Persinger's, Col. Reeves, Col. Ludt and Lt. Ball. To my best friends — Jim we've been through a lot together and I hope we can both get something out of it. Good luck Slim! Gary we've bad some great times together; let's keep in touch! Good luck in Colorado. Also the best to Bratton, Lewis, Murphy, Wags, Eich, Kattman, Greg, and the guys on the team . . . The most thanks I can give though is to my mother and father I love you both! And we have many good times ahead!

DYKES 1979: Michael R. Vela
1985: Mark L. Vest

VAN WILBUR NOAH

Ft. Belvior, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

ASCE 3, 2, 1, Secretary 2, 1; Dean's List 2; Ski Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Third Class Show 3; Street Hockey 3, 2, 1; Mexican "VO"; Football; W&L Law Club 1; Herd's Spot Commuter 3, 2; Cramer's Roommate 4, 3, 2, 1; Heart of Fayetville Club; Summer Camp '81; Number One Club 2

I have come a long way from matriculation night when I worried about my roommates smoking in the room being an honor violation. I learned more here than possible any other place. I experienced the brother rat system and developed a bond with four hundred strangers. As time went on though I was disappointed to see some deterioration in that same bond. A few people set aside their beliefs and morals built in the ratline for a meaningless rank competition system. I don't feel what those few "B.R.'s" gave up was worth what they got. Even though it was a disappointment it was just the way the world works. Despite what has happened to some the bond of the brother rat is the strongest of its type anywhere. I am very glad to have been and to be part of it.

I would also like to thank everyone who still is or has been a part of my cadetship. Thank you Mother, Dad, Sisters and Maxme, my dog. God bless you Granddaddy.

DYKES 1979: Samuel Pendleton Pace
1985: Craig Pittman

MELVIN LEONARD NOWLIN

"Mel, Smel, Mr. Chemistry, The Mad Bomber"
Salem, Virginia

Dean's List 1, 2, 3, 4; Private 1, 2, 3, 4; Pervert Corner 3; Space Base 3; ACS 1; Midnight Bridge Club 1

I will graduate a very different person from the one that matriculated on the 23rd day of August. If VMI was three interlocking years, I wanted to be the rock that jammed the system. I fondly remember my rat lab explosion, Hops, the "Space Base", P.T., Munch, and Skull, Ring Figure Saturday (Hey Trey, where are you going) my dykes, Dave and "Southern Comfort", Dickie and Chemistry, Beat Army!, and the trip to Tech. I will always remember "Joe Theater" and "Mr. E English". They were great Roommates and friends. Thank you dykes for making my path smoother, my family for their support and understanding, and Dad and Mom for making it possible. Finally, thank you Martha for your strength and love, I love you. Goodbye VMI.

DYKES 1979: "Lucky" Larry Williams
1985: William "woo" Kirtley, Jim Chartier

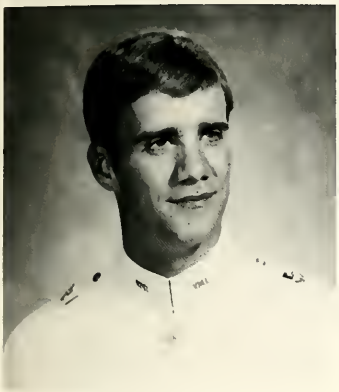
JAMES ANDREW O'BOOK

"Jimmy O, Slim, O"
Trumbull, Connecticut
Economics — Air Force

Varsity Basketball 4, 3, 2; Varsity Baseball 4; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Placement Committee 1

Well, four years ago I had a nightmare called VMI and now it's time to get up and move out into the "real world"! As ironic as it may seem, I have developed a sense of appreciation for a place I have cursed so many times. During these years there have been many accomplishments as well as disappointments along the way. I could have never met the VMI challenge if it weren't for my family and some of the people here. A special thanks goes to my Mom and Dad who gave me encouragement and made it all possible. Also, to Carol and Glen, my Grandmother, Uncle Ed and Aunt Sherl, Kelly and Louise, "V", "Swisschese", "Unc Al", super people like the Haste Herr, Davis, Sowers, and the coaches' wives. My roommates "Niv" and "Pess" gave me that added variety along with "Wags", "Brate" and "The boys". It's been an unforgettable experience, and for all of us who worked so hard, this Bud's for US! Until later, your friend Jimmy O.

DYKES 1979: Kelly Lombard
1985: Greg Ray



ERIC STEPHEN ODDERSTOL

"Odder"
Basking Ridge, New Jersey
Navy — Nuclear Submarine Service

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Firefighters 3, 2; CO 1; Glee Club 3, 2; Rat Training 2, 1; SNBSS 3; IEEE 2, 1; Eta Kappa Nu 1

Well Odder it will be all over by the time this reaches print and I know you are at least as happy as I. We roomed together for one of the worst years, third class, and one of the best, the second class. Odder, I saw you go from a catatonic E.E. third to and even worse off second. You should have roomed with us this year, as you are the ideal roommate; you left in the morning for class and returned in the morning from late study. If they gave academic honors for sleepless nights spent studying, you would graduate distinguished. This quote describes your life at VMI: "All my life's a circle, Sunrise and Sundown. The moon roves through the night time, 'Till the day break comes around. All my life's a circle, But I can't tell you why. Seasons Spinnin' round again, The years keep rollin' by. — Harry Chapin
Good Luck Odder

R.S.

DYKES 1979: Chuck Smith
1985: Pat Pressler

THOMAS MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN III

Albany, New York
History — Army

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 1; Distinguished Military Student; OGA Vice President; AUSA 4, 2, 1, President 1, Secretary 2; Airborne School 4; Air Assault School 3; CTLT 3; Rappelling Cadre 2, 1; Cadet in Charge 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1; Ring Design Committee; Cadre 1; National Debutante Ball Floor Committee 1

No one can sufficiently capture these four years in writing; I will leave them to memory. I do however wish to thank everyone who made my stay here enjoyable and my mother for all her support and love.

T.M.O. III

DYKES 1979: Tom Bright
1985: Kevin Jenkins

CHARLES CUMBEE PACE

"Cheuk, L.W., Little Beaver, Little Wacky"
Charlottesville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

LaCrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Cadet 3; Entertainment Editor 2; Associate Editor 1; Pub Board 1; Social Committee Chairman 1; Pi-Rho-Ghetto 3; Bamboo Lane 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; FIDO/BOHICA Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Friday Night Skiing 1

Well it is again time to move on to something new and different. Still, it is hard to say goodbye to V.M.I. and all its super people. Bob, Dan, Willie, and B.T. thanks for pulling me out of the river even though I wonder if you occasionally regret it. Anyway, you all have been super roommates even if the abuse was pretty thick. Don't even forget the West Point trip, the excursions to the ski slopes, and all the good times. Skutt, Nolds, and Wags thanks for being such special friends. I'll never forget you guys — stay in touch! Also special thanks to Col. Reeves who was always there with guidance, advice, or just to talk. And finally, to my family, I hope that all got as much out of V.M.I. as I did. Thanks! Time now for a Bud!

DYKES 1979: Tom Herbert
1985: John Keppel

ADAM THOMAS RANDEAU PANTAZE

"Pansy"
Glasgow, Virginia
History —

Boxing 4; Rugby 3; Society of Young Economists 3; Young Republicans 3, 2; RDC 1

Adam is one of the few Greeks I know who actively pursued a college education without the "close" support of another Greek. No, seriously Adam will go far with his major in history, if not he can always stand on table tops at J. C. Penney's and model men's underwear, right oh hole(ly) one? Muffin, Adam's girlfriend for now will hopefully get a ring soon so she can take off the Have-A-Tampa band she has been wearing. All foolishness aside, Adam has been a great pleasure to know. Good luck in the future and Adam; can I have a cookie?

P.L.K.

Many thanks to Perry Knight for writing my history. I also must thank my family and Muffin for keeping me going these last four years. It would have been very difficult without you. Best of luck to C company rats in the years to come.

A.T.R.P.

RANDALL BARRY PARKER

"Dewey, Randy"
Arlington, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

AFROTC; Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Cadet Program Board 2; Secretary; Treasurer; PR 1; American Society of Civil Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of American Military Engineers 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Activities Committee 2, 1; TCFC 4, 3, 2; CBC '82; Ring Figure Construction V.P. 2; Cadet Hop Escort 1; George C. Marshall Library Cadet Assistant 2, 1; RFYL 4, 3, 2; Volleyball; Black Knights of the Maury 1

On day one, when Randy was told to unconditionally "dump" on the floor the contents of his incredibly well packed trunk, he realized he might have bitten off more than he could chew. But, as time passed, Randy has always managed to remain a step or two ahead of his potential adversaries. This is clearly the case when one analyzes his well postured performance from the dreary days of rathood, through the drudgery of thirdom, the hype of a ring, and now the splendid appearing of a nearly liberated college senior. From unauthorized cars and Homecoming Queens to innumerable weekends and graduation, Randy has exhibited the true character of a VMI man, and will go far in whatever he undertakes.

Good Luck!!
G.D.M. III

A note worthy of mentioning — I would like to thank my family, relatives, close friends, and Brother Rats for their active support, generous help and understanding for without whose help I could not have made it through a tough four years at VMI. For this, I am eternally grateful!

R.B.P.

DYKES 1979: Tom H. White
1985: Jeff C. Hill, Solon J. Lane

LAWRENCE MICHAEL PEPLINSKI

"Larry, Weed"
Meshoppen, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Corporal 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academic Stars 1; Track 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1

Larry came to V.M.I. with a strong back, sharp mind, and the gift of common sense which one develops by living in the country. With these "tools" Larry has excelled in nearly every aspect of V.M.I. life during his four year "tour". Whether it be academics, sports, or military he excelled. His quiet, modest, mannerisms have won him many friends in the V.M.I. Corps. As far as activities outside the V.M.I. walls, whether it be trips to U.V.A., Roanoke, hunting, or just going to White's farm for a little midnight fun, we always had a good time. It has been my good fortune to be your friend Weed, and I will truly relish that friendship the remains of my life. One thing is for sure, we can't lose contact during the future years. I'm looking forward to those yacht rides! Best of luck Larry!

— J.R.J.

DYKES 1979: "Oscar" Pariroo
1984: Fred Coons

GARY LYNN PERSINGER

"Perse, Firechief, G.P."
Millboro, Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4; Monogram 3, 2, 1; Football Scholarship 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Second Lt. 1; Ski Club 3, 1; Injured (Out) Club 3, 2; New Barrack's 88's 3, 2, 1; Kamikazi 4, 3, 2, 1; BNA 2, 1

Even though I grew up here in Lexington I never really knew what went on here at the "I". Most of my younger years were spent hanging around W&L and one would have thought that I would have attended there rather than here. But fate had it that I would go to VMI and become a cadet. Coming from Bath County and returning to Lexington via BCHS and FJC, in August 1978, I found myself as a "Rat" and so began the adjustment to the VMI way of life. In my four years here I have witnessed a very unusual environment and grown through it. The Knowledge, Friends, and Memories I have gained here are my most precious possessions and I will cherish them for life.

I would like to express here my Thanks to Mom, Dad, George, Greg, Robert, John, Nanny, Helen, Tavenor, and Jack for being my dear family and relatives; Jim and Bill for putting up with my antics in the room; The Mead's old and dear friends; and a Special Thanks to The Hostetters for all your Love and Kindness, especially Cheryl, for being you.

Thank you all for your support; I'll never forget it. Take care.

With Love and Appreciation —
Gary

DYKES 1979: Rick Hall
1985: Rob Mitchell, John (Neb's) Nehlett

BIRCH BEDDALL PHILLIPS, III

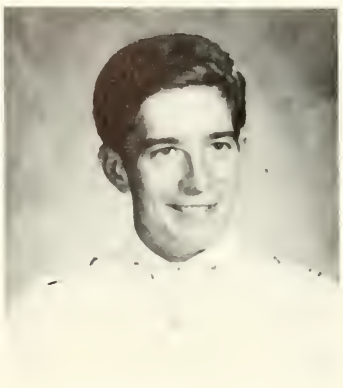
"Trey, Joe Theatre, R. P. Murphy"
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Theatre Tech Director 3, 2, 1; Midnight Bridge Club 1

Well Dad, we both did it! Thank you and Mom and Doug and Gus for everything. I love you all.

Four years at the "I" have truly been an unforgettable experience. Breakout, Ring Figure, and now GRADUATION. (Kenny, don't forget the 3 Dec. '79 D.F.) Thanks to my roommates Mel and Kevin. (See you in June Mel, Good Luck!) Thanks also to the friends who made this bearable; Jose, Randy, Rocky, Ellen, Jake, Andy and the rest. I love all of you. Good luck to my dykes always. Tom, I know you will make it. Lastly, Thanks Patsy. Remember that "light". Farewell VMI and Thanks.

DYKES 1979: Kon Shin
1985: Bob Merler, Tom Plowright



GREGORY CLARK PICKLESIMER

"Pick"
Highlands, North Carolina
Economics — Army

Rat 1; Cadet Battery 1; Math Club 1; Economics Award 2; Treasurer — Young Economists' Investment Fun 2; Tanker Plt. 2, Sergeant 3; Karate Club 3; Ski Club 4; Religious Council 4, 3, 2; Library Assistant 4, 3, 2; Society of Young Economists 4, 3, 2

I came to VMI because I wanted an education and a career in the army. I had never seen VMI before Matriculating and I didn't think it would be too hard. Was I in for a surprise! I quickly found out what work meant. VMI builds men from boys and I feel I am no exception. At this point I would feel cheated if I said I hadn't changed since coming here. Most of all, VMI has taught me how to do without the comforts of modern society. I have grown to appreciate more than ever my family, friends and home. I could not have come here and made it on my own. I especially want to thank my parents, sister, Mrs. Cheek, the chaplain, my instructors, and my brother rats.

DYKES 1979: Ben Bauman
1985: Charles J. Langley

DAVID ALAN PIENING

"Flo, Divod, Wally, Joe Pro, GO-GO, Rollerman"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Civil Engineering — Army

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3; RFYL 3, 2, 1; Private 2, 1; Hypo T/A Club 1

Looking back upon my four years here I am reminded of the good times and the bad and the many acquaintances I have made. Best of all though, I am reminded of my parent's loving support and dedication to put me through here. However, my time here has been short and coming to a close so it is time to move on. Thanks to my best friend.

DYKES 1979: Nick Kepf
1985: Thomas F. Young

JOHNNY MICHAEL PIOTROWSKI

"Pete, Sluggo, Roofhog, Pehos, Ace, Boy Wonder"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
English — Air Force

'-41 Flying Squadron; Squadron Commander; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4, 3; He-Man Woman Haters Club 1; MLTMASG 2; Society of Young Polish American Students 4, 3, 2, 1

"Once in a great while there comes to VMI a Cadet who affects VMI more than VMI affects him. Pete Protrowski is a perfect example of this. When Pete first came to VMI he was only crazy — now he's insane. "Sluggo's" lunacy and fun-loving nature shielded him, and everyone he touched from VMI's penetrating despair, leaving only fond memories of the good times. What Hop or Zolloman's Party would be complete without Pete leading the herd in an antler dance? Whether piloting his T-41 or the Millenian Falcon, we could always count on Pete — to be sweating profusely because of his great mass, but nothing is bigger than Pete's heart — not even his calves. A great future in the Air Force awaits Pete stay in touch. (We love ya Pete, we mean it now get outta here.)

JMK RGS III

Special thanks to Mom and Dad, Sue and Dianne for all your support and love, I finally made it. Best of luck to Henry, Jesse, Jon, Russ, Jack, Mark, and Cheech, the A-Team" and the rest of the gang. It's been fun, but I'm glad it's over. You guys stay in touch, I love ya all. Now get out of here I mean it!

DYKES 1979: Robbie Clark
1985: Henry Murphy, Jesse Waltz

HANDIE HAN PODO

Fairfax, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army

Thanks Dad for all of your support. Thanks Mom for your inspiration, and faith in me. Thanks Etie for being a great sister (I wish you and Kevin a lot of good times). And thanks Didick for everything else. Good luck at VMI.

To Dennis, thanks for keeping me in line While I was here. Good luck in the Air Force. Hey John (civilian) Carvi;, we're EE's now! Thanks Room 150 for tolerating a g--k like me. Mike, good luck in the Marines. Thanks Sontichai and Chayan for being good dykes.

DYKES 1979: Shayne Miller
1985: Chayan Deshorn, Sontichai Toombiroon

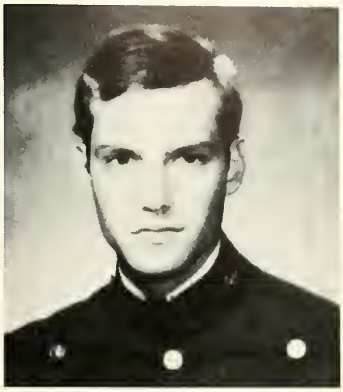
JOSEPH ROBERT POTERALSKI

"Joe, Ski, Potts, Ralski"
Schenectady, New York
Modern Language — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Theatre 2, 1; Stammtisch 2, 1; FO; Thor Artillery Brigade 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; Psycho Corner 3

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . ." — Dickens. I started out looking forward to an enjoyable experience. After 4 years, I feel indifferent to this place. So, to those who made the times enjoyable, I salute you for what you have done. I would like to thank Siggy for the teaching and the abuses in jest, Conkus for the midnight backgammon tournaments, Baldweenie for showing me that insanity is good, and Kenwoss for the encouragement that I needed. Extra thanks goes to Garth, a good and true friend, who never let me down. Extra thanks and a tip of my hat to my father, who wanted to see me go somewhere, and to my mother, who was always there in time of need. Spater, meine Freunden!

DYKES 1979: Ali Nassiri
1982: Jeff Brown



WILLIAM CABELL RIVES POTTS

"Earl, White Owl"
Richmond, Virginia

Hollins-VMI Social Coordinator 4, 3, 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2; I don't know what-all-else

Perhaps the biggest let-down of my first-class year has been that Earl Potts was not here with me. We have been through so much, it was a shame that we couldn't do this too. Cabell Potts is by no means through here, though, as he has so many qualities that allow him to survive. Despite his zany antics, and his care-free attitude, he has never, to my knowledge, turned down anyone that needed his help. That is more than a lot of people could say. Earl is not really care-free and anyone that really knows him realizes that. I feel sure that Mr. W.C.R. Potts will succeed at whatever he sets his heart to. Well Cabell, and Mr. and Mrs. Potts, I am not very good at this sort of thing, but I have tried. Earl, you're one of the best friends I've got, and if it hadn't been for VMI none of this would have happened. Thanks for everything we've done, and in advance for everything we've yet to do. I'll miss you next year.

PMD

DYKES 1979: Tommy Sotos

ROBERT PRESTON PREDDY JR.

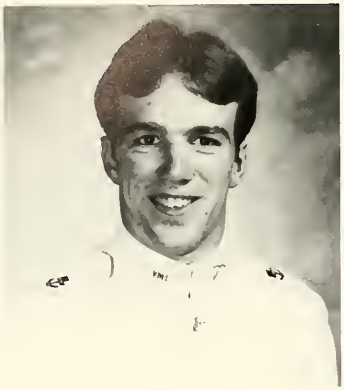
"Flipper, Flip, R.P., Big Lick Kid"
Roanoke, Virginia

Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; President of the Society of Young Democrats 1; Cheerleader 2; Burnt by Sem. Club 2, 1; T. and T. Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Hollins Roadsters 1

Two weeks after Flip arrived at the I He was still looking for the Co-ed dorms. But He finally learned to accept the VMI lifestyle. His Rat year was a breeze except for his choice with whom he dined.

What was it with Rob four days of staff tables? Third Class year saw the miracles of the Preddy luck. (5 demos for eight hours late returning from furlough?) All good things end. On a bold and daring adventure for one Bud soda Flip spent his Second Class year on confinement. Sorry Rob Steve and I had to study for a test the next day. But he kept that characteristic smile and good attitute while he wondered if he was insane or happy. Now as all ends, I thank you buddy for the advice, the inspiration, and especially the friendship. Also thanks Mom Preddy and Harold. Finally I'd like to say, yes Robbie, it was

DYKES 1979: Willie Hamlin
1985: Bruce Kuipers



CHARLES CLEVELAND PROCTOR III

"Doc, Spike"
Manassas, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 1

VMI, an experience. You can't describe it, you just have to live it. I don't really know of anything worth saying about the place, so I won't. I'd just like to give you a few trivia thoughts: those cases of beer on the basketball courts, road trips to Roanoke, and finally window jumping. To end I'd like to thank my Mom and Dad for, sending me to such a place, supporting me when the goings were tough, and for just for putting up with me while I was there.

DYKES 1979: Sput Leadbetter
1985: Jim Rayball

ROBERT KEITH RAMBO

"Rob, Disco, Dack, Bamboo, Rambork, Ram, Ram-Ram, Pyro, Neighbor"
Abington, Virginia

Religious Council 1; BSU 2, 1; Tanker Platoon 3, 2; Executive Officer and Tank Commander 1; Cadet Battery 4; Fencing Club 4; Equestrian Club 3; *Sounding Brass* Contributing Artist 3, 1; Class Patch Designer 3; College Republicans 2; Sport Parachute Club

First of all I have a confession to make: despite all of my typical cadet complaints I love V.M.I., I always have. I must have, because I struggled so hard to stay here. As a Rat I was adopted by Choplinski and his R.D.C. buddies. I went excess for the year and "ran a tape". I suffered a fractured foot in a Wednesday afternoon company run, and I had to get an academic waiver to return as a third. The following year was less intimidating but equally depressing. Then I rededicated my life to Christ. Through His peace and power, this hopeless cadet met some great roommates, learned control, and developed discipline in studying my second class year. As a first I took twenty-one hours each semester and got the best grades of my cadetship. The only explanation is certainly the power of God. He first showed me that I couldn't do it on my own, even with my three summers of summer school. Then after humbling me, He brought me through the ordeal. All of the praise must go to Him. I would also like to thank my wonderful family and Tom and Jeffor their support and assistance. I only pray that all that I have benefited from these four years will now be applied to make me the best servant possible in my life-long goal of a career Army officer.

"A good Christian can never be a bad soldier; and the man who has finished his prayers, has already got over the best half of his day's work."

Gustavus II Adolphus,
King of Sweden
24 June 1630

DYKES '77 Walt Mannherz
'85 Kevin Roddenberry

ROSS WILLIAM RAPPAPORT

Clarksville, Maryland
C.E. — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2,1; Captain 1

My four years at VMI were not always the best of times, but the good times I had will be the ones that I will always remember and cherish. I will never regret my decision to attend VMI, for it was a challenge worth fulfilling.

Mike, thanks for putting up with my complaining for four years. You will be a friend that I will always be able to count on.

A special and very grateful thank you goes to my family, for without them I would have never been able to have made it. Mom, thanks for thanksgiving third class year, it was a major turning point in my life. Dad, what can I say. Thanks for always being behind me, always coming through when I really needed it, and always believing that I could do it. You were both and always will be a major driving force in what I do.

DYKES 1979: Nick Rantis
1985: Jeff Fraser

JOHN EDWIN REESE

"Reese Cup"
Richmond, Virginia
Physics — Navy — Pilot

Grotto 4, 3; Sport Parachute 4; Karate 3, 2; Society of Physics Students 4, 3, 2, 1, Vice-President; Dean's List; MHBSA 2, 1; Virgin Privates Club; Col. Sauder's S List 1

It's all over now, but I'll always remember:

Laughing at my shaved head on that first day so long ago. Breakout — one day I hope to experience that intense a thrill again. Marching a parade in the fog and feeling like I've gone back in time. The weight on my finger of that chunk of gold that is so much more than just a ring. The authority of a First Class Private's belt worn for the first time. The anticipation of Graduation and greater things beyond.

Thanks Mom and Dad, for all the love and encouragement (and money). Darvis — thanks for the instruction. Buddy, Robbie, Jim — it was fun, wasn't it? Good luck Paul. Kathy — you cured the worst thing a cadet ever feels — loneliness. Thank you.

This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But is is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

— Winston Churchill —

DYKES 1979: Darvis Akhavan
1985: Paul Chris Grgas

RICHARD ALLEN REISCH

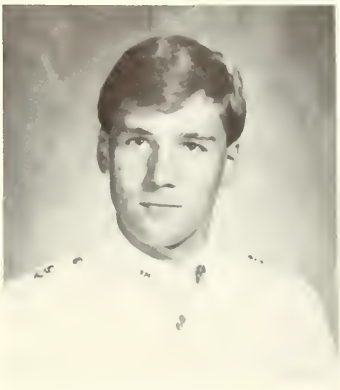
"Reeschbod 11, Reeschy, Oobie-Oobie, Kinky, Ard, Rick"
Casanova, Virginia

Pvt. 3; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2; Pep Band 4, Librarian 3, Vice Pres. 2, President 1; Circle K 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 1; Wrestling 4; PW Club 3, 2, 1

Chris, Why didn't you tell me it would be like this! Well, it's too late now, besides, I wouldn't have it any other way.

When I first came to the "I", someone up there was looking over me, because I got two of the best roommates a Rat could hope for. Frank and Jay, it's been a long hard road. But we have seen it through from beginning to end — together. I will always remember the good times and try to forget the bad ones. We kind of went through some roommates over the years but Joe will tell them it's their loss. Won't you Joe? Joe!? Jay, we hit it off for some reason and I am glad we did! You made the funtimes and some of the bad times but then you are the Instigator. Thanks guys and thanks Mom, Dad, Suzanne, and the Kid. God bless you all.

DYKES 1979: Tom "Zirkle" Wilson
1982: Mark "Mugsie" Carroll



DAVID LESTER REYNOLDS

"Nolds, Barf, Skoal Brother, Barfoneious"
Richmond, Virginia
Air Force

Cross Country 4, 3, 2, 1; Indoor Track 4, 3, 2; Outdoor Track 4, 3; Mike Collier Distance Runner Award 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 1; Gang 116

David has roomed with me since our Rat year and we have probably stayed together because of his personality.

However, we have changed a shy, innocent Rat into a man who is always ready for a party. I also claim the responsibility for turning him into a human Skoal machine.

On the serious side, David has a genuine love for his fellow man that is very hard to find. He is one of those people who always looks for the good in people and can get along with anyone. He has been the moderating factor that I attribute to much of my success here. I will cherish my memories of our four years together and value our friendship forever.

P.S.W. '82

Thanks so much Mother, Dad, Bryan, and Grandmother for your love and support for the years at VMI. Also Mother and Dad, thanks for putting up with my late nights and phone bills.

Love,
David
D.L.R. '82

DYKES 1979: Steve Lyon, Bruce Pearson
1985: Mike Jernigan

JON AUSTIN ROACH, JR.

"Jaybo, Mo, Roach-Coach, Mama, BHB"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army — Corps of Engineers

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Recreation Committee 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 4, 1; Institute Escort 2; Distinguished Military Student 1; Hosebags 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Duffers 2, 1; TTT Club 2, 1

Rooming three years with Jay-Bo has been a real experience. He is perhaps the most unpredictable guy I ever met. You would never know when he would "lose control" or play one of his notorious pranks on you. I can remember quite a few times finding my hay soaking wet, my shoes filled with shaving cream and soap on my toothbrush. Jay-Bo, you've had a way of breaking up the monotony of VMI and I will never forget the great times we've had together. We have become the best of friends and without you to help relieve the tension the last 4 years would nave been tougher than they were. Thanks Jay-Bo.

Neal

To my roommates and friends, thanks for the good times. To Carroll, I love you always. To my family, Mom, Dad, Jeff, and Julie, special thanks and love. I wouldn't have made it without you.

DYKES 1979: Bill Tulloh
1985: Karl Marks

CLIFFORD ANDERSON ROCKWELL

"Rocky, The Rock"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Economics — Army

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private; VMI Theatre, President 3, 1, Vice-President 2, Business Manager 4; Ski Club 3; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1; Who's Who in American Colleges 1; Distinguished Military Student 2, 1; Academic Stars 1; Mess Hall Committee 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1

My memories of VMI are numerous and varied. Some are quite pleasant others are just as well forgotten. The best memories I have are of the people with whom I have worked, studied, and had fun with. There have been many supportive shoulders which have helped me along my chosen path. I hope that I too have been of some help to others on their chosen track through life and the Institute. I entered these four walls an uncertain and unknowing person. I have learned a great deal about who I am. With many thanks to some very special people, to whom I shall always be indebted, I have succeeded with another stage of my life. From the Institute we soon issue forth, I wish all of my Brother Rats the best of luck and hope you too will find the happiness we all seek.

DYKES 1979: Phil Southers
1985: Will Arther

CORNELIUS THOMAS ROGERS

"Neal"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Army

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Distinguished in General Merit; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society; Society of Young Economist 3, 2, 1; "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges"; College Republicans 2; Investment Fund Club 3; VMI Firefighters; Chairman of Finance Committee 1982 VMI Symposium

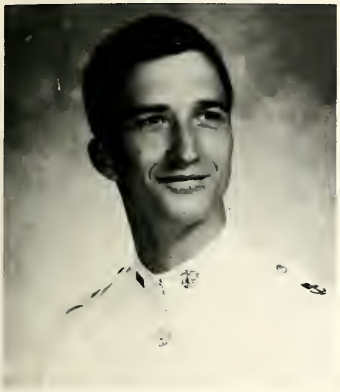
When I came to VMI in August 1978, I found that one of my new roommates had been a high-ranking cadet officer at a military high school. Surely, I thought, here was someone who would share my interests in military history, weapons, tactics, and so on. As I found out, however, none of these subjects interested him, for he came to VMI only to obtain an education. He has never strayed from this goal and, as his academic stars indicate, he has been quite successful in his efforts. However, Neal has always had time to horse around on the stoops, go up town, or just sit around and B.S. when things got really depressing around here. Somehow, he could always make this place bearable, even if I was really down in the dumps. You've been more of a help than you'll ever know, thanks a lot. Take care and good luck to you always in the future.

DAB

Thanks to my family and friends for the encouragement they gave me these past four years. I needed every bit of it.

NR

DYKES 1979: John Forsyth
1985: Victor Bernet, Kenneth Hurst



ERIC LANCE ROLAF

"Rick, Hook, Phi-Kappa-Phil,
E, Son of Sysock"
Toms River, New Jersey
History — Marine Corps

Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, 1, Business Manager 2, Vice President 1; Dawn. Rfyl 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine Corps Marathon 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2; Society of Young Democrats, Treasurer 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cadet Captain 1; Delta Company Commander; Bulldog-OCS, G-3

Eric is known for many things: his ulceric entrance into V.M.I., his warm and gracious greetings to a Marine Corps Colonel, his distinction of being the only history major to have an unofficial minor in Calc. I, and his quick late-night pick ups at donut shops. But perhaps Eric is best known for the magnanimous love poured upon him by his Brother Rats. First Class year brought added responsibility, and Eric adopted a more serious attitude towards becoming the citizen-soldier; even to the point of studiously staying up past the crack of dawn.

Eric; of the five digits you're the long reach. You've worked hard and have accomplished much in your four years. Though the times have not always been easy you've never compromised your principles. Your sense of responsibility and devotion to duty will be a great asset to the Marine Corps, as they and you have been to us.

DYKES 1979 James Faist
1985 Scott Pearson

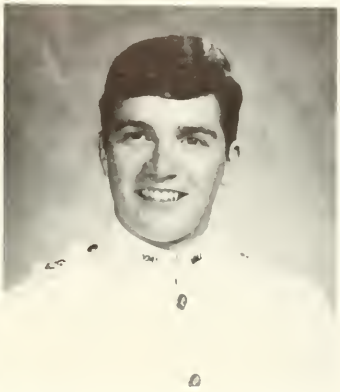
CHRISTOPHER JUDE RONAN

"Cronan"
Springfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering

Pvt. 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor Comm. 2, 1; Intramural Football 3, 2, 1; ALS 3, 2, 1; GCR Club 3, 2, 1; Survivor 2; 375-Mile Road Trip 1

North on Route 11, on the bridge over I-64, past Holiday Inn and Krogers. Two stoplights and the bridge over the Maury, HopIn and Route 11 "Business". A sick feeling comes to the stomach, for this is the final approach to VMI. The most depressing car or bus ride in the world. An experience shared by all cadets returning to the place we love to hate, and our Brother Rats who made it more tolerable. Bob, Tim, Chad, Chris, Pat, Joe, Dewey, Dave, Rob, Jose, Randy, Rich, Steve, Tom, Mike, Eric, Ed, Jeff, Fred, Dennis, Duke, Andy, Harry, John, Chip, Brad, Stu, Mark, Emmett, Tracy, Perry, Dougee, George, Mac, Ron, Curt, Chuck, Charlie, Adam, Larry, Dick, Handie, Ross, Jay, Sandy, Carl, Jim, Byron, Jerry, Baron, Ken. GOOD LUCK!!

DYKES 1979: Bob Parodi
1985: Sumonchai Sanuson, Jack Rose



NICHOLAS JOHN ROPER

"Rope-n-Dope, Nick, Rick Noper, Jean-Paul"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Captain 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 1; GHL 3; Yellow Submarine 2, 1; Bad Machine 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; Cadet Assn. 2, 1; Ft. Bragg Weekend Club; Pvt. 3, 2, 1

How do you put three years of Rick Noper into just a couple of lines? Here goes . . . My basic motivation for writing this is to thank Nick for the past three years. After all you have to admire someone who could actually put up with me, one on one, for so long! Six semesters of crashing, banging and screaming, "I can't get this! — This course is worthless! Why are we doing this?" Not only did he put up with it, but he some how found time to help me. I also have to thank Nick for "Turning me on" to such greats as Doonsbury's Uncle Duke and Southside's Fever! Best of luck to the mellow fellow of 3-2 and 169, Thanks for everything. By the way — Where's Lars??

GLT 82

I thought I knew what I was getting into when I came to VMI. I had seen all the movies, read novels, and of course, the school catalogue. I found out, though, that reality is never as you dream it. The difference was that the experience was now mine alone, not someone else's conception of how it would be. I consider VMI to have been a good experience. I gained an opportunity to learn a great deal about myself, but the memory that I will always cherish will be of the friendships we have developed. Thanks to Mom and Dad for their love and support, without which none of this would have been possible. Finally, to all my buddies, I wish the best of luck, a happy life, and remember all the good times . . . I will.

DYKES 1979: Ed Negro
1985: Gary McClelland

HORACE LESLIE ROSE III

"Normal"
Richmond, Virginia
Army — Infantry

Medical Society 4, 3; Ski Club 1; Bomb Advertising Furlough 4, 3, 2, 1; "Heart of Fayetteville Club; W and L Law Club 2; Fort Bragg Advanced ROTC '81; Dean's Honor List — A Couple of Times; Number 1 Club 2; Reserve Space Parking Club

I didn't want to come, I didn't want to stay and I'm glad I'm out. The past four years have provided me with the most versatile experience I've ever encountered.

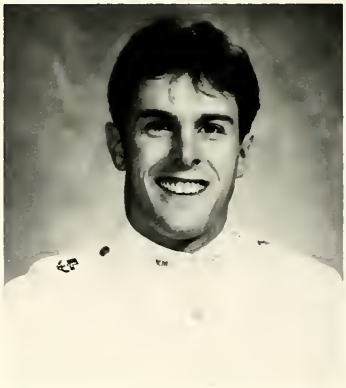
The thing is: you have to learn, how to walk down the middle of the road, where it becomes just as dangerous enough to be fun, while still being safe enough to remain in the "GAME" "Too much of everything is just enough."

GRATEFUL DEAD

V.M.I. has through its mystic, created a changed individual that has benefited from each of his experiences. It's hard to measure the good times I had here — There were enough to outweigh the bad. Thanks to all the guys who made it happen!

Mom and Dad the faith you had in me, gave me the confidence to see it through, Thank you both. Thanks to Grandmom and the rest of the family. Love you all.

DYKES 1979: Marc Withers
1985: John Whitty



JEFFREY THOMAS ROSEME

"Caveman, BBB (Big Burly Buddy), Tarzan"
Closter, New Jersey
Economics — Army

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Buddy Club 2

When arriving at VMI I couldn't believe that I was actually here. This place has sure had its ups and downs and this is the one thing that this place has taught me to control. The people I have met here are really special, especially Coach Williams, the boys on the Track Team and the boys in the Buddy Club. I would like to also thank my parents and my fiancee for helping me through the hard times. Good luck to everyone and hope to see the boys in '84 at L.A.

DYKES 1979: Bob Bookmiller
1982: David (Calves) Ditt, Henry (Snake) Sanchez

FRANCIS JOSEPH ROSENTHAL III

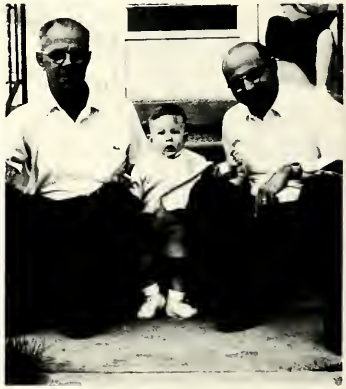
"Frank, Rosenhead, RosenHeffer, Bobble Butt"
Baldwin, Maryland
E.E. — Navy

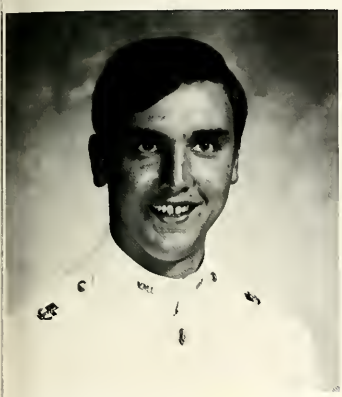
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; First Sergeant 2; Captain 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2; Hop 'n Floor 1, 2, 3, 4; IEEE 2, 1; Sound Tech 1; Deer Hunter 1; Study Club 2, 1; Nuke'em Nancy Club 2

Well, that sure went by quickly! At first I wasn't sure I'd picked the right school, but soon after I got here, the friends I made (my roommates) helped to pull me through. Above all I learned how to deal with any problem at any time, honorably, 23 Aug. '78, Sweatparties, '79, 132, Glee Club, New York, Counting the days, "Well hey La", 21 Feb. 79, Main sink scabs, Hops, Ethero, Corps trips, No Hat!, RF '82, "Ease Up", "Basically", Steak'nAle, Casey Lee, The Beaver Brothers, AML CHAMPION, Hollins, 8 April '81, 16 May '81, 2 October, '81, 31 Oct. '81, "HTFYDG", "Great", "Java-Jive," "Hello Chuck", Inauguration, Yorktown, Army 7 VMI 14, Un Hung Heroes-124, Brother Rats, "Rah Virginia Mil", "Halo Boys", Honda, 15 May '82. Jay, Rich and Joe . . . I'll really miss you, Thanks.

Mom and Dad, with out your love and guidance I would have fallen short. Mike and Gina, you helped me to keep a sense of humor. Susie, I've never had a better friend. Thanks La, Liz, Cherrie. Thanks to my super grandparents. Dorothy, I'll never forget the look on your face when you saw my rat haircut. Thank you for saying "yes". I love you. Most importantly, thank you dear God.

DYKES 1979: Larry Betz
1985: Jack Carr, Steve Barcik





KENNETH KEVIN ROSS

"K.K., Kenny"
North Olmsted, Ohio
Biology — Army

Private 3, 2, 1; Dean's List One Semester; Running; Chemistry

Ken arrived at V.M.I. for the first time on matriculation day. He was surprised to find such a friendly and hospitable school, even the food was good. After coming to his senses, Ken realized his destiny was to break every rule in the book. So he set out on a four year quest of beer drinking, running the block, and road trips. He did have to slow down every once in a while to do his chemistry work. The memories K.K. has of the V.M.I. will last his entire life — Friends, parades, Joan, Ring Figure, and the support from Mom and Dad.

It was an experience he'll always be proud of, no matter how much bitching he did in his four year journey. Ken walks away from the V.M.I. with a profound philosophy of life — "Go for it," and a lasting pride in his achievements.

DYKES 1979: Henry Rogers
1985: Andy Cunningham, Phil Pauquette

WILLIAM LOUIS ROSSIE III

"Corruptor, Weeble, Louie, Marathon Man, Lou"
Roanoke, Virginia
Economics, Army

Society of Young Economists 3; Tanker Platoon 2; Dean's List 2, 1; Corruptor's International Club 3, 2, President 1; Dave Bratton Slam Club 2, 1; Natural Bridge Aerobic Society 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Radford Road Club 1; Bud Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Rack Attack Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Music 4, 3, 2, 1, ?

Four long years have expired and I leave VMI with great satisfaction and little regret. I part with good friends and I wish good luck to all. Dave, the exams were hair-raising and the road trips were exciting. From Citadel 1980 to West Point, we partied long and hard. Radford always seemed to be a stopping place. Right, Brat? Yes Meg, I'll be good. Bill and Wags, it has been fun rooming with you. See ya in Roanoke, Bill! I wish to thank all my friends for the help along the way. Susan, I give you my love for without you, it definitely would have been harder. Three months is not that long, I hope! To my parents and my brother, I thank you for your support and help throughout the last four years. Without you, this would not have happened. I love you all! To VMI I leave my empty Bud cans! Later!

"C"

DYKES 1979: Rick Cadigan
1985: Ross Miller

WALTER McDONALD SANDERS IV

"Sandy, Grizz"
Athens, Georgia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Honor Court 2, 1, President 1; Varsity Football 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Regimental Executive Officer 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Who's Who Among American College Students 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1

Out of the deep South came three of the four crewmen who were to establish the "Yacht Club". The fourth was our native or "token" Virginian originating from a place "right near Richmond". From the very first moment a spark ignited, and a warm glowing bond fastened the crewmen together as they set sail on their journey through VMI. They called us "Rats", they called us "worthless thirds", they called us "preppie Seconds", and finally they called us First Classmen. But to all who knew us, they called us inseparable. On the field, at parties, and on the unforgettable road trips we were together — the unit — the Yacht Club. As we grew through the Institute and her ways, our love for each other and those around us deepened. For without each other and those special families and friends, who gave us such support, understanding, and encouragement, we would never have enjoyed the thrill of finally obtaining our goals. An unimaginable amount of gratitude and love is extended to those who never let our sails luff. To The Institute — yes it has been four years. We take from you an enormous amount of pride and instilled honor, and yes, all of the character possible.! To Mom, Dad, and Bec I love you dearly. And to the Yacht Club, more love and thanks than you'll ever know. May the wind continually fill your sails and the sunset always be on your horizon.

DYKES 1979: Noel "Mule" Harris
1982: Jimmy Utterback

CHARLES SHELTON SANGER

"Snaggle-Tooth, Fish, Rip van Snagger"
Knoxville, Tennessee
English — Army

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Acad. Distinguished 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; U.S. Army Airborne School; English Society 3, 2, Pres. 1; Pre-Law Society 3, 2, 1; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; First Class Editor 1982 "Bomb"; Room 123 Exiles 1; Guest Bamboo Lane 1

Behold, We know not anything;
I can but trust that good shall fall
At last — far off — at last, to all
And every winter change to spring.

Tennyson "A.H.H."

Thank you Mom and Dad, I Love You. I dedicate my cadetship to my Grandfathers, I wish they could be here to share my happiness. Last but not least, thanks Murry, John, Tim, and Chuck. "The ripeness is all . . ." Hi George, V.M.I. '96.

DYKES 1979: William E. Drewery
1985: Mike "TOJO" Chang

CHRISTOPHER KOLBET SCHRICHTE

"Spud, Idaho Baked, Schrichtai, Lizard"

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Troop 42; Chug-a-Fifth Club; Sir Edmund Hillary Society; Cadet Waiter

From Made City to VMI; quite a contrast. Four years ago I regressed from total freedom to the confines of this bastion of archaic, often ridiculous, regimentation. I came to the East Coast in 1978 not knowing anyone, that is no longer true — the friends I've made here are for life. Without their support I wouldn't have continued. As far as I'm concerned graduation will be the first time in four years that I've had my privileges.

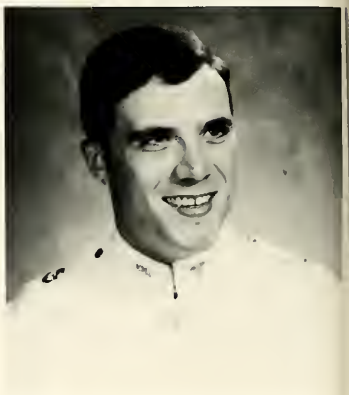
CKS

Knock in the brass tacks
Cover up your tracks, Jack
You ain't nowhere till you
Can pay your own way back.

Who gave you your orders
Someone from the sky
I heard a voice inside my head
In the desert wind so dry.

But don't you turn around, no
Don't look after you
It's not your business how it's done
You're lucky to get through.

Garcia/Hunter.



GRAY WHITNEY SCOTT

"The Craw"
Spotsylvania, Virginia
Biology — Army

Cadre Cpl.; 1st Sgt.; S-4 Sgt.; E Company Commander; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Distinguished Military Student; American Legion Scholastic Excellence Bronze; Paul R. Meyer Scholastic Biology Award; Who's Who Among American College Students; Biology Dept. Librarian; Pre-Med Society; West Point Mule Abduction Committee; / Hunting; Sports Car Renovation; Camping

During our first semester at VMI most of us were wondering what we were getting ourselves into, however Gray was one exception. He seemed to have an intuition of how to cope and eventually master all aspects of The VMI system.

Gray showed much dedication to VMI through his leadership in the cadet ranks while maintaining the respect and admiration of his peers. This devotion to responsibility has been realized in the four years of excellent academic standing.

Aside from Gray's duties to the Institute he always found time for his friends whom he held in high regard. His loyal friendship has been and will always be appreciated and remembered. Who else could have tolerated the wrestling matches, "linking" XO, and of course the "sure I can do it funnel"!

JKJ
DLS
GFM

Never in my life have I met such a group of men so willing to endure self-sacrifice and hardship to help one another survive the trials and tribulations imposed on us by a stringent spartan mode of existence. Time shall not decay the strong friendship and comradery that we hold for each others.

G.W.S.

DYKES 1979: David Lee Taylor
1982: Brian A. Burton, William S. Marsh

GEORGE FREDERICK SEIFERTH, III

"Nip"
Clifton Park, New York
History, Armor

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt./Drum Major 1; Dean's List; Cadet Assistant to History Dept.; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Rappelling Cadre 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1; Cross Country 4; AUSA; Airborne School; Marshall Awards Cadet Assistant 2, 1

George breezed into 439 a few days after matriculation and was instantly a marked man. The only reason we let him live was because he has a cute sister. After a while though, "Jeff" settled down and got along with us; mainly because he and Dick perpetrate such escapades as the "inverted water cup torture," to our amusement and my "physical danger." After a promising track career was unfairly terminated, "the Nip" rose through the ranks of 1st Corporal, 2nd Line Sergeant, and finally the Drum Major of the Regimental Band. During this time he earned a few names such as: "the snake", "the sponge", and "twinkie the kid". But a party wasn't a party without the Nip . . . Oh well, beware of the nerd line, right Sigma! George's unquenchable spirit at the football games as Drum Major/Cheerleader added life to the phrase "Never Say Die". Seriously George, we found a good friend in the rat from New York.

KAS

Time is fleeting, but memories last forever. I am now "worthy of command". Without the devotion of my family and friends, these glorious memories would have been a rocky road. "I'm checking into the net, Colonel!" My Dad was my inspiration, my Mom was the most faithful mother a son could have.

GFS, III

DYKES 1979: Ray Hendrickson
1982: John Douglas and Robert Chapman

ROBERT SHAFFER

"Shaf, Bad Bob, Twink, The Grand"
Smithfield, Pennsylvania
Economics/Modern Languages — Army Infantry

Private 4, 1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Army ROTC Superior Cadet 2; Society of Young Economists Investment Club 2; Distinguished in General Merit 2; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; RYFL; Weight Training; VMI Phonothon 2; S-5 Tour Guide 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 3, 1; Academic Tutor in Spanish 1; Cadet Assistant Marshall Library and Modern Languages; Room 177 Religion

When I came here in August, 1978, I didn't realize what V.M.I. was all about. I thought the Ratline only lasted for a couple of weeks. Thanks for tricking me into this place Dad, I could not have made it through without the help, both financial and spiritual, of you and Mom. My time spent here has not been easy, and there were times I regretted MY decision. However, as the end draws near, I see what V.M.I. has given me, the ability to think for myself, an inner sense of self-confidence, a sense of duty and honor, and an education superior to many. As I reflect on my time here, I remember my roommates of the last three years and thank them for their help and concern. Thanks Jeff, Shiff, Odder, and the rest of '82. Good Luck '82.

R.S.

Shaf has been with me for three hard years at Mother "I". I remember well Fosters on the stoop, the Bones, Marine jokes, L.A. VS. Engineer, the Reeker, and of course his tangled triangle. Shaf will go far in this world. Hell, he couldn't do otherwise working for me.

M.J.S.

DYKES 1979: Mohammed "Hoss" Hosseinpour
1985: Jeff "Ski" Golembiewski

LARON DeFERRIS SHANNON III

"Rockhead"
Lynchburgh, Virginia
Civil Engineering

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 2, 1

I usually disagree with dedication — for in saying "thank you" or that "dedicating", I feel that the essence and spirit of an achievement has been lost. So I write this as a thank you — as a gladiator acknowledges the crowd, as an architect accepts the appreciation of the man for whom he created — I accept and appreciate the congratulations of all of you. Thank you Pop, Nan, Mom, Laura, and thank you Jeanine — I've done the work, but you have been a very reassuring support.

I do intend to be what I will, Good-bye VMI.

DYKES 1979: Billy McCarthy
1985: John J. Wranck

CHARLES EUGENE SHARP

"Bama, Razor, Charhole, Hole, Charlie"
Birmingham, Alabama

Football 4, 3; Undergraduate Assistant Coach 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Institute Escort 2; Posit Committee 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Charter Member of the Yacht Club 3, 2, 1; Thousand Miler Stationary Bicycle Club 3, 2

On that first day of summer football practice (our first day at VMI), the Yacht Club was born. It has survived through graduation and beyond. It leaves behind it a legacy of lifelong friendships and incredibly memorable times both good and bad. Together we endured the Ratline, listened to Jimmy Buffet concerts in the Yacht Club, went crazy at Zolloman's pavillion, and roadtripped to such exotic ports of call as Vanderbilt University and Destin, Florida (not to mention all the places in between). Though some of the bumps along the way were heartbreaking and disillusioning, we have survived and are hopefully better men for it. It's hard to believe it's over. Thanks Mom, Dad, Jane, Tom, Sam, Kate, Carl, Kyle, Sandy, Jane, Bill Winfree, Mrs. Coates, Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Showalter, and all of the wonderful people without whose support I would not have made it this far. I love you all. It's been a wonderful cruise.

DYKES 1979: Nick Collins
1985: Neil Lowenstein, Billy Tilling

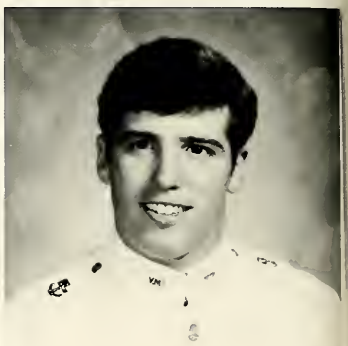
KEVIN FRANK SHARP

"Sharp, C.E. Jr.; Kevy"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — USMC

Marshall Awards 4, 3, 2, 1; 2nd Btn. S-3 1; Rat Training Cadre 2, 1; Cadet in Charge 1; Hop and Floor Comm. 4, 3, 2, 1; Azalea Festival 2; National Debutante Ball — Floor Comm. 1; Summer School Vet. 4, 3

Thanks Mom and Pop

DYKES 1979: Randy Hawkins
1985: John Stuart



MICHAEL GEORGE SHEA

"Boulderhead, Horseteeth, Jellyass, Budseal"
Navesink, New Jersey
Civil Engineering — Navy

Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Four Day Seal 2; Rugby 2; STUD 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who in Muscle Fitness, Farts 4, 3, 2, 1; I Wish I Was a Black Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Hollins 2; Dean's List 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1

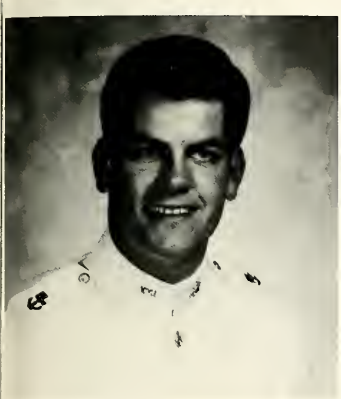
Thanks Mom and Pop for all the support while I was here. I didn't change very much because of VMI, sorry. God, thank you for my Parents, family, friends, your guidance and grace, and a very, very special thanks for giving me Alicia. You couldn't have given me a more beautiful gift.

What would it have been like without painting our feet black for parades, rappelling off barracks, the 50s party, the beach party, lighting 124 on fire, and playing nude golf. Thank you Cookie, Froggy, Eric, Pick, and J.B. for all our great times. I love you guys.

The one thing I need to do to consider my life complete could not happen during my cadetship but will happen May 29th. I love you Alicia, with all my heart! I've been practicing my "I do". Thanks again God for the most wonderful lady in the world, Alicia.

Jay, see you at our 10th reunion!

DYKES 1979: Bill Sarvay
1985: P. J. Keaton, Terry "the stud" Fields



MARK JAMES SHIFFLETTE

"Shiff"
LaPlata, Maryland
Civil Engineering — U.S.M.C.

2nd Lt. 1; Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Survived 4; ASCE 2, 1; SAME 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Hotel Chairman; VMI Firefighters 3, 2; XO 1; Cadre 1; Rat Training 2; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; ASCE Convention Committee; 117 Room Religion

I have roomed with Shiff for three of the four years here, and can honestly say . . . Well maybe not totally honestly, that he is great . . . Well maybe not really great, guy to room with. Anyway he is better than the Bat. Shiff came here with a will to make it through and the time is almost here. He has developed well as a whole person. This is particularly evidenced by his steadily increasing GPA. We've made it through many things; the Bat, Odder's late night frat paralysis, and just the regular boredom around here. Shiff has made it here not solely alone, but with the constant help and love of his family and Debbie. Marine Corps I send you my youngest and most dedicated roommate, I believe he will do well.

R.S.

VMI has not been easy, without the love and support of three very special people it would have been unbearable. Thank you Mom and Dad for your love and support. And Debbie, well you know what you have done for me.

M.J.S.

DYKES 1979: Stan "the man" Leck
1982: Steve "the freeze" Chill

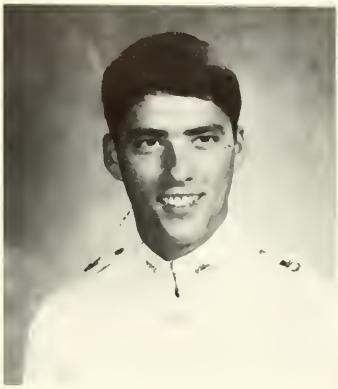
JAMES CARLTON SHOWALTER JR.

"Boat, Showboat, J.C. Carl,
Quick Carl"
Savannah, Georgia

Special Student (Civilian); Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Part-Time Vanderbilt Student; Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, Pres. 1; VMI Trainers Award; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Concrete Canoe Club 2, 1 (Chairman); Sir Edmund Hillery Club 2; Yacht Club Member (Charter) 3, 2, 1

Carl made the journey from Savannah to Lexington seeking the typical college life but since W&L was full he ventured next door. They cut his hair but couldn't get the gators off his shirts or the L.l. Bean's off his feet, though the mink in a Keydet's uniform was never one for formalities. No man has ever tried harder to beat the system. All in all, Carl has come out on top; he has gained a ring, kept an understanding girl (big on understanding 1-4-3-Jane), a place in Moody Hall, a questionable education, and membership in the infamous "Yacht Club". Thanks to Mom and Dad for putting up with me and paying those phone bills (no more ever), to the Yacht Club (Hole, Earl, and Walt), may you live forever, and thanks most of all to Jane for putting up with the "1" and for putting up with me, I love you dearly. Take care all, it's been a "lovely cruise".

DYKES 1979: Ed Negru
1982: Tom "Dump" Dunnington, Tommy "Peach Stand" Manning



DAVID LEE SHUTT

"J.D., Birdman, Shawn Skutt, Skutt Puppy,
Surgar, Dave-o"
Buena Vista, Virginia
Biology — Armor

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Btn. S-5 1; Pre Med Society 2, 1; Secretary EC; GC 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor Comm. 1; West Point Mule Comm. 1; National Debutante Floor Comm. 1; Number 1 Club

Dave drove six miles to come to school. During this first "road trip" he left behind his renowned schoolboy stunts for a chance to set his mark on VMI. From day one, Dave was a hard worker who set his standards very high. In one instance those standards reached #1, which he was able to maintain for four months.

During Dave's four years at VMI, he has exhibited a virtue which has allowed him to acquire his special friendships. These friendships have extended beyond the "class system" and into the VMI community. Dave displayed a hospitality which extended from his home to his car which extended up and down the east coast! From Fayetteville to Boston, Dave has deeply touched all those who have fallen in his path.

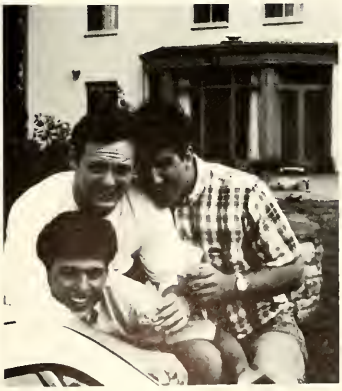
Dave you have made our stay a memorable as well as meaningful experience. Your company has always been welcomed — how many could have put up with the nose pulling, the "Craw", the J.D. in the elevator, and the job of midnight Chauffeur!

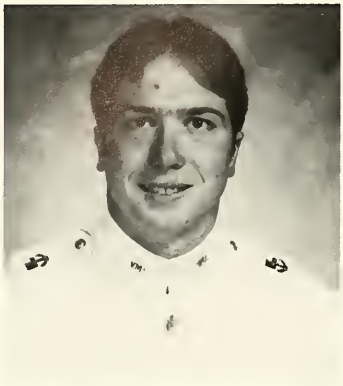
Thank you for being the friend you are; happiness awaits you.

JKJ
GFM

Thanks Mom and Dad, for making graduation possible, and for making a few cadets lives a little easier.

DYKES 1979: Phil Southers
1985: W. G. Rowlett, Greg Bond





DAVID N. SILLS IV

"Scotch"

Football 4, 3, 1; SS 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Main Sinks 1 and 1

It's Hard to Believe I came, It's hard to believe I stayed, It's hard to believe I'm Here, and it's hard to believe I'll ever get out! Thank you Mom and Dad for putting up with me all the way through. Thanks for helping with the phone bills also. Gisele, just thanks! See ya next year.

DYKES 1979: Frank U.F. Lumpkin
1985: Chris "Baldo" Balderson, David Ames

ALLAN JAMES SIMMONDS JR.

Suffern, New York
Economics — Navy

As was the case with many of the Yankees of the class of 1982, Jim had his reasons for coming to VMI. The only difference is that he put off deciding on those reasons until after he matriculated and all he's been able to come up with so far is the warmer weather. For those of us who have known "Pete", we've found something else — honest friendship from a guy who never quits and never lets any of us down. A VMI cadet through and through, "Pete" chewed, signed the checks, (a roommate of Dr. Eichman) and racked in the afternoons. We're all proud to call the future regional agent for Nationwide in Rochester, N.Y. a "Brother Rat". Who is Edward Sarwinski anyway?

J.B.V.

DYKES 1979: Salvatore Vitiello
1985: Kevin Holland

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SIMMONS

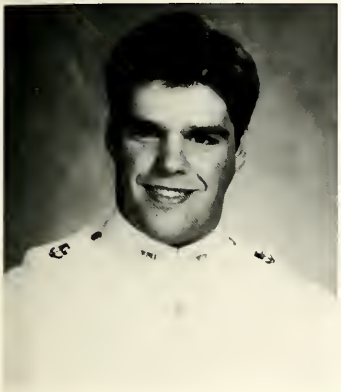
"Hooter, Leg"
Fairfax, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Guidon Bearer 1; Rangers 4; Tankers 2; Rat Training 3, 1; CWRT 3, 2, 1; TCFC; Class Bomber 3, 2, 1; 6 Month Confinement Club 3, 2; Softball Team Captain 2, 1; Airborne 1

Chris, you have been my roommate for three and a half years and why we put up with each other for this long neither of us knows. I can't say all times have been good, but they have definitely gotten better. At first we stayed together and fought a common cause. Then we roomed together because neither wanted to move out of the room. Now though, somehow, we have become good friends. Chris, you have been a confidant and helped me when I needed it. We have been through a lot and I'm glad we stuck it out, for this last year has been by far the best. I believe our friendship shall remain strong because once one such as ours develops it cannot be broken. I wish you the best of luck always, with whatever you do.

RTG IV

DYKES 1979: Mitcheal Lee Bottoms
1982: John David Keenan



DOUGLAS STONE SMITH

"Smitty"
Blacksburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2, 1, ?; Getto 3, 2, 1; Nerk Brothers Basketball, Champions 2; Academically Undistinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Wish I Were a Hokie 4, 3, 2, 1; Earl Potts Fan Club

My four years at VMI can be summed up by saying that I really didn't enjoy it. The only thing worthwhile has been the people that I have met (especially my roommates). The people who have meant anything should know who they are and the rest don't really matter. I would like to thank my family for their constant love and support, because without them I would have never made it through the first year. Finally, I would like to say that it's been real and sometimes fun, but not real fun. I hope it's almost over!

. . . It's something else, Dick.

DYKES 1979: Alan Soltis
1985: Norbert Jocz
198?: Scot Thomasson

KEVIN ANDREW SMITH

"Caveman, Simth"
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Band Co. Pvt., Cpl., Lt.; Pep Band; Rifle Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 1; Dean's List; Investment Club 3; 8th SC All Star Rifle Team; Grand Central Station Modular Room 1; Staying Off Confinement; Pardoned by the President 1

Well guys, we've finally made it through VMI . . . more or less alive and well. We came here and quickly adapted to the pressures of the rat line. Guy, whose life I saved (buy me a drink?) and I as the Original Two. Dick and his southern influence . . . and George. Third class year saw the four of us living in a five man room . . . well, the beat of a different drummer. Then Cory came in and the scene was set for fun and adventure. Who'll ever forget your Midnight Mandolin Rendition in the Tile Room, Cory? Dickie, who will never play a trumpet near my mother again, and his chemical fun with Mel. George, the best drummer in barracks with notched sticks to prove it; beware of the Nerd line! Yes, we've had great times as modular cadets and I know that our friendship will last forever . . . I wouldn't have made it without Jane to help me through this place, I thank you and love you with all my heart. Mom and Dad . . . how do I thank two of the best parents God could have graced me with? With my love. Good luck BR's!

DYKES 1979: George Marentic
1982: Bill Ried, Pete Delano

EDWARD BROWNLEE SNIDER, JR.

"Jeb, Eddie, Poo-bear, The Sni"
Springfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

Football 4; Rugby 4, 3; Navy SS 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; "James B. Hickey Fan Club" 1; American Society of Civil Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1

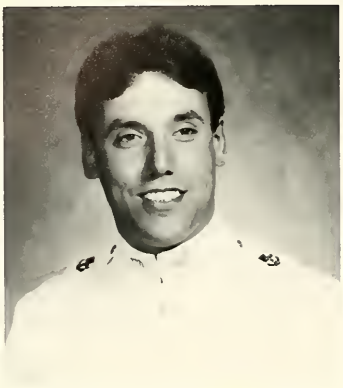
Jeb is the best example of an "All-American Boy" of our class. His love of Country, family, and football was nurtured by Friday afternoon review parades, huge delicious meals at Pappy's and Monday night football in room 109. The resulting hard-nosed resiliency will carry him on to certain success with all of us who have known him behind him all the way.

J.B.Y. '82

I would like to thank my mother and father, for the love and support they have given me, my grandparents, for the loving care they have shown me during my Cadetship. Meg, for just being around, and Z for making my Rat Year somewhat bearable your love has sustained me, I just pray that I can live up to your expectations of me. To the "I", thank you and goodbye.

E.B.S. Jr. '82

DYKES 1979: Tom Manley
1985: Paul "Onion Head" Shoemakers



MARK JOHN SOFIA

"Sof, Supernerk"
Fairfax, Virginia

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Mess Hall Committee 1; Nerk Brothers 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Corner 3, 2, 1; The Room (Forty Sickoes) 3, 2, 1; Professor of Dyke School 1982; Varsity Football 4

When I think of a necessary attribute for a man to make it through life and more importantly, VMI, I think of his ability to cope with change and misfortune. That is why Mark John Sofia will continue to be a strong, well adjusted, and successful man when he leaves VMI. I have roomed with Mark for all four years at VMI and have seen him rise from the depths of academic despair to the dean's list. All this is due to the maturity of Mark. When he was a rat, he was a star football player with high hopes for future varsity action. But a neck injury sidelined him for the rest of his cadetship. Rather than despair and give up everything, Mark shifted his emphasis to academics and has raised his cumulative GPA more than 0.9. Mark is a truly great person, and I'm very glad I was able to be with him these four years.

cfe 82

DYKES 1979: Joe Benda
1985: David Tingley

CURTIS K. SOUTHERN

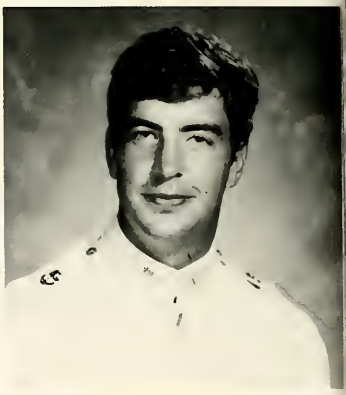
"Sugar Legs"
Honolulu, Hawaii
History — Army

Dear Mom and Dad,

My years here have been ones of challenge and of struggle. There have been times when I wish I had never returned. Yet, the friendships that have developed and the times which have become so special, I will remember throughout the years. For all this and all your love and patience I say thank you.

Love,
Curtis

DYKES 1979: Council Courtland Rudolph
1985: Robert W. Adkins



THOMAS MORRIS SPROULE

"Tommy, Roscoe"
Wytheville, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army

Rugby 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 79, 80, 81, 82; Earl Potts Fan Club; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; Southwest Virginia Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Honorary Roommate Rm. 150

Tommy came to VMI from the Hub of Southwest Virginia with a dip in his mouth, only to burn up the M.E. Dept. with a minor in statics. We became close friends in second class year partying, I mean playing Rubgy together. We made such unforgettable trips in our first class year such as West Point. Tommy is the only guy I know who could keep a four day buzz on without opening his mouth more than an inch to drink.

There are many good times that I have had with Tommy. He has made my last two years at VMI ones that I will not soon forget. I wish him the best of luck because he deserves all.

pdm 82

Hey Pat, . . . Love the one you're with.

I would like to thank my friends who made all the challenges associated with VMI worthwhile. Most of all I would like to thank Mom and Dad who without their encouragement and understanding, I would have never made it, I love you.

DYKES 1979: Grey Farthing
1979: David Irvin

JESS QUIMBY SEAWELL, IV

"Swell, See-well, See-Poorly, Gimpy"
Aledo, Texas
Civil Engineering — Special Student

AUSA 4, 3; Motivated 4, 3; Rugby 4, 3, 1; Weeble Co. 2, 1; Engaged 2; Number One Club — Twice

Well, it looks like I finally may have made it. I could go into my little theory about "Life is a b____!" but I've run that into the ground. I can thank VMI for giving me whatever it is that enabled me to persist through it all. There may be something to "building character" after all, even for a grub.

I've got to say that I missed being with my class this year, but the Rats of '82 became special in a strange sort of way. Guys like Tommy, Rap, Dickie, Doug, and all the rest with their mouths, Rich with his "magnet," and the rankers, like Marko and the rest putting up with my strange behavior. In fact, thanks to all of '82 for taking all my weird ways and even making me feel halfway accepted. I almost feel adopted, so to speak.

The last year is, was, a good one. I won't be able to forget late night trips to MBC with Davis, Hooter, and all, only to catch more grief from the girls, grief of a different kind. Celia, you're quite a girl. Thanks Mom, Dad, the doctors and nurses, my Br's (esp. Charlie) my new Br's, but most of all, thanks Bubba. You got me somewhat straightened out (calmed down). I'm just sorry that it took what it did to do it. I feel as if you've been with me, let's just hope I make it. It was worth it.

RUSSELL GEORGE STEWART, III

"Scooter, Stew, Nitro, Onion Head"
Dunwoody, Georgia
English — Air Force

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 3; Mst. Sgt. 2; Pvt. 2; Lt. 1; Pvt. 1; 1982 RDC President; Rugby 2, 1; Rat Training 2, 3; GMT Club 2, 1

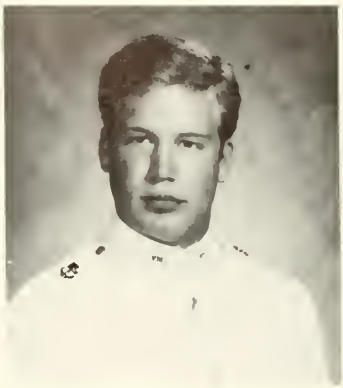
What do you say to someone you've lived with for four years, through all the laughter and the tears, the best and worst times of our lives? That's easy — Thanks, Scooter, I can't think of anyone I'd rather go through it with. When Russ came to VMI he was a gung-ho Marine, only to have his bubble burst. We both found a home on the Rugby pitch where Stew moved quickly to the ranks of "A" team and scored try after try. We even named a play after him — Nitro. Late night road trips (for the team), Zolloman parties, and Hop weekends, all typify Nitro's party-harty attitude. He always knew how to impress a girl on the first date (tacky Stew!). Then, like Divine Intervention, there appeared someone who could put up with Russ besides me — Spike! Best of luck to both of you. (I mean it, get outta here!)

JKM

To my family: Thank you, I love you.
To A.M.G.: Thanks for standing by me through it all. I love you.
To all the people I've met along the way: Thank you, I'll remember you always.
To VMI: S.M.H.

RGS III

DYKES 1979: Tom Baltazar
1985: Tim Bailey



MICHAEL CHARLES STRAUB

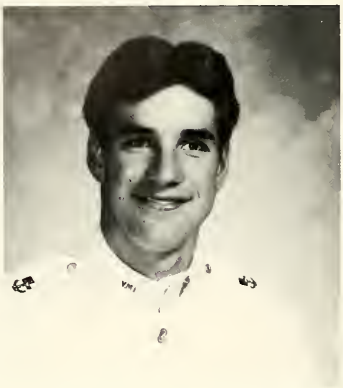
"Mike, The Gagger"
Springfield, Virginia

Football 4, 3; Rugby 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Corner; Most Improved Nerk 4

In this brief space and for an everlasting moment, I would like to thank God, my family, and everyone else who has stood by me and helped me endure the experiences of a VMI education. Often I have found myself wondering what it would have been like at a different school, but at the same time I am glad that I went here because along with a VMI diploma comes a feeling of accomplishment. Something to be proud of. Here I met many people, some of whom I will never forget and some I care not to talk about at this time. All in all I fell it was a learning experience which will stay with me forever. Before I close I would once again like to thank Dad and Mom for their unending understanding, patience and support. Parents like you are very rare.

Thanks and Love Always
Michael Charles Straub

DYKES 1979: Jeff Minnix
1982: Greg Enterline



GREGORY GUY STUMP

"Stumper"
Rappahannock County, Virginia

Average

Yea, it's been real. Ever since the first morning when a certain tweezer-head repeated "Hurry up, asshole to belly button." From then on I knew we were in weird dream that wouldn't end for four years. I survived rat year without much difficulty but I couldn't dig the short hair, ya know? It took all summer to finally look like a "college sophomore" but by that time it was too late, school started. Since then I've learned what not to do by watching the yes men around here.

The biggest benefit I received from VMI is maturity. However, it wasn't because of this place, rather in spite of it. Being socially deprived for four years isn't healthy so one must do a great deal of thinking about life. My advice for new cadets is laugh, but not aloud. Keep your head up by being emphatic, there is always, someone worse off than yourself.

DYKES 1979: Nicholas C. Kepf
1985: Jerry Brooks

RICHARD OWEN STUVER

"Stuvo, Rich, 'Chard, Devo, Dicky "O", Stuver-Rat"
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
English — Air Force

Pvt., Cpl., Pvt., Cpl. 3; Sgt., Pvt. 2; Lt. ? 1; Skeptic 2; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; Pres. Religious Council 2, 1; Empericisty 4; Peterbed 3; J-Town Boys 4, 3, 2, 1; Optimist 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; English Society (Daniel's Denphile) 3, 2, 1; ENSOC Rep. to the Faculty 1; New Life Prayer Fellowship 3, 2, 1

"Only that day dawns to which we are awake. There is more day to dawn. The sun is but a morning star."
H. D. Thoreau.

I thank you God because I never could have made it on my own. I know that it was only by Your grace that I was able to make it. I thank You Jesus for the life You have given me by Your sacrifice. I thank You Spirit for the fullness of life I have enjoyed.

VMI is a journey of many routes. Many of them interconnect and many are traveled more than once. There is no "one" way to make it. I am most grateful that my family helped me on my many paths and my many dead ends. Thanks dad for not allowing me to come home rat year. My roommates have helped to enhance the journeys we have made together. They made this place very bearable. Dan Richardson taught me what it meant to be sincere in pursuing my goals and what it meant to be humble. Col. Thomas helped to get straight when I was most mixed up. The Chaplain has played a major role in many people's lives and mine did not escape his love and care as we worked, prayed, and struggled together. God had changed my life and he used the Christians here at VMI. They helped to show me the straight path of love and forebearance. Thanks Mom and Dad.

ROS

DYKES 1979: Dan Richardson
1985: Charlie Biro

JOSE J. SUAREZ

"Hose, Hosie, Pipes, José-Olé, Sgt. Concrete"
Ponce, Puerto Rico
Civil Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cadre 2; VMI Ranger Platoon 4; Marine PLC 4; IEEE 4, 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 1; Cadet Assistant CE Dept. 2, 1; Ring Figure Construction 2; Cadet-in-Charge ASCE (Tutoring Program); Volleyball 2, 1; US Naval Institute 3, 2, 1

Jose J. Suarez IV, the Enigmatic Puerto Rican and Master of Non-Sequiter, became my good friend after our mutual employment as Cadet Assistants in the C.E. Dept. Despite the fact that the status in our office was nearly always "R.Q.", enough studying somehow got done to insure that Jose may forthwith make his contribution to the defense of our nation's maritime interests. That contribution will hopefully be as an Ensign in the Civil Engineer Corps, and failing that, as the Skipper of a Fleet-type tugboat!

I will be presumptuous and say that we will hear more later on/about Jose and a certain "puertoriquena linda" named Vicky who has done wonders for Jose's disposition. And to Jose I say not "goodbye", but "hasta luego amigo. Vaya con Dios!"

TJI IV '82

DYKES 1979: Mike Mendez
1985: Mathew Nolen

RALPH JOHN TABER

Kailua, Hawaii
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Activities: Minimal

"I am walking down that long lonesome road where I'm bound. I can't tell, but goodbye is too good a word gal so I'll just fare the well, I ain't saying you treated me unkind you could have done better, but I don't mind but you just sort of wasted my precious time, but don't think twice it's all right."
Peter, Paul and Mary

DYKES 1979: Ed Buck
1985: Bob Ivy

MELVIN WHITE TALLEY

"P.T., Coon Tunes,
Mullatto, Ska-bi-ba-da-ba"
Petersburg, Virginia
Economics — Army

Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; 2.0 and Go Club; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 78, 79, 80, 81; The "I Love Ft. Bragg in the Summertime" Club; Recondo Qualified

Well what can I say? I knew I was in for a long four years the moment Basil picked up the remnants, of what were once part of a head full of hair, off the barber shop floor and asked if I wanted to send them to my girlfriend.

I can truly say that I served my time to the fullest at VMI. I was a permanent fixture around ole Lexington for nearly 4 years.

I have been through a lot of hard times but there have been good times also.

I would like to give my thanks and love to some special ladies from Longwood, UVA, VCU, and Lexington who in the past four years have helped me make it through in their own way.

I would like to thank my family who have supported my venture at the "I". Billy, Betsy and Katie, thanks for being there when I needed you. Lisa, thanks for the numerous trips from Lynchburg and the phone calls. I think we helped each other get through some difficult years. Mom and Dad, thanks for never giving up hope. With a family like you behind me, who could ask for anything more? The end is near, I hope. "I don't know!"

DYKES 1979: George H. Eliades
1985: Alex H. Mason, D. Todd Smith

GEORGE LAWRENCE THOMPSON

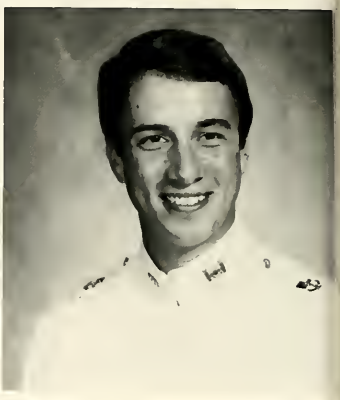
Franklin, Massachusetts
Civil Engineering — Air Force — Nav.

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; First Class Private 1; Academically Undistinguished 4; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Casual Part Time Student 1; Monogram Club 1; Ski Club 1; Yellow Submarine 2, 1; The Band 2; Cheerleading 2; Unauthorized "VMI 82" Car Club 2; Posit Committee 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Functionally Illiterate 4, 3, 2, 1

George and I began rooming together as thirds. I'd have never thought that three years later we'd still be roommates. From King Toad to a two-man room, we've both struggled through the intricacies of Mallory hall and NEB. Through it all, I've come to know him well and value his friendship. George neither of us knows when our paths will cross again. Whenever they do, I'll have a cold Iron City Beer waiting.

Well, this is it! I can still remember thinking as a rat, I'll never get out of this place, well it still hasn't sunk in that there is a possibility of my graduating . . . I can definitely say that I am leaving with mixed emotions, and basically without my "classmates" I never would have stayed. I made some really great friends that are really important to me, and hopefully will continue. Hopefully you guys will successfully complete this place (within the next 5 years) — good luck! Mom and Carm — I'll never be able to thank y'all enough. I'm sure I won't miss this place, but I sure will miss the people.

DYKES 1979: Bob Raines
1985: Paul "goose" Mitchell, Steve "stevie" Medeiros



FOUR IS NOT ENOUGH!

JAMES RICHARD THRASHER

"Trash, Thrash, Jim"
Lithia, Virginia

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; Academic Stars 3

Jim came to V.M.I. for one reason only, to get a free college education. He landed a three year Marine Corps scholarship through hard work and dedication. Jim was one of the few people I grew to know at V.M.I. that was dedicated at doing his very best at everything he tried. He was a true V.M.I. man. Although Jim seemed to excel at all his quests, he never really liked the place. In his third class year, he ran into a wall the academic load and his morale was shaken. But as he had done all his life growing up in a small town, he tightened his belt and came back determined to best V.M.I.'s enduring program. His second semester's G.P.A. was well above a 3.0 to place him on the Dean's list, and since then Jim has never looked back. He is an individual who I truly admire and I'm sure all of our classmates agree. When the Marine Corps lets go of him I'm sure TRASH will move on with never ending drive to be one of our nation's richest men. Jim, the whole gang in 718 NEB wish you the very best of luck and are looking forward to help you spend your fortune at our ten year reunion.

S.R.B.

Good luck always Jim and thanks for a fun three years, Bubbles Rayton, Best of luck in the future and take it easy on the Corps, from Chester I to Chester II.

DYKES 1979: Mike Weatherholtz
1985: John Dixon

WILLIAM ALAN TOWLER

"B.T., Billy, E.T."
Richmond, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army

IEEE, Cadet Layout Editor 2, Managing Editor 1; Scuba 1; Survivor of Summer Camp 81; Recondo Trained; FIDO/BOHICA Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Weatherly Heights Country Club 3, 2, 1; Baldwin Raid 0

It was hot and sunny that fateful day of August 1978. I still remember the butterflies that knotted my stomach as the Institute became visible from across the Maury. I clearly remember those words of prophetic wisdom which my department head conveyed to this slightly average high school senior — "VMI is a challenge". Amid the tearful departure of family and former girlfriend, I descended the stairs which led me to the beginning of a cadetship at VMI. Now, years later, I depart with fond memories of the good times I have had. I want to thank the many friends at the "I" without whom I never would have stayed. Till we meet again . . . I especially wish to thank my family for their undying love and support.

"I shall be telling this
with a sigh somewhere
ages and ages hence: two
roads diverged in a wood,
and I — I took the one
less traveled by, and that
has made all the difference."

Robert Frost

DYKES 1979: Mike Burton
1985: Charles Nixon

THOMAS GERALD TROBRIDGE

"Tro, The Purple Moose, Black Dog"
Glenely, Maryland
Ecnomics — Army

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Lacrosse 1; Promaji Club; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; RDC; Sir Edmund Hillary Club, Red Front Rangers; 3rd Class Birthday Party; Cadet Pvt. 1, 2, 3, 4 (never even offered rank)

My four years at V.M.I. have certainly been an experience. I know it has changed me a lot, but I may never know if it was for the better. V.M.I. has been a bitter-sweet challenge. I have lost a lot of close friends along the way. Every year it just kept getting lonelier and lonelier.

I want to thank all the people who supported me and kept me going during the bad times. I have to give special thanks to J.C. who was the only person who could room with me for more than one year.

THANKS

"Standing on a hill in a
mountain of dreams,
telling myself it is not
as bad as it seems"

Jimmy Page
Robert Plant

"The future is uncertain
and the end is always near"

Jim Morrison

DYKES 1979: Gary McNeal, Greg Weaver
1985: Mike Hulyo, Platter Allens

WILLIAM BARON TYMINSKI

"Baron, Bill, Willie, Ski, Ty"
Mashpee, Cape Cod
Economics — Marine Corps

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Sgt. 2; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3, 2, Vice-Pres. 1; Tanker Platoon 3; Society of Young Economists 3; Investment Club 3; TCFC 3; Firefighters 2, 1; VMI Campaign 2; S-5 Staff 4, 3, 2; Ranger Platoon 2; Pre-Law Society 1; KOA 1; PW 2, 1; Merchant Marines 1

I came down south in August of '78 with illusions of grandeur and quickly was regarded as only a Polish Yankee Jarhead. Despite the System's seemingly endless frivolities and Frustrations I managed to survive.

Four years later I find myself a much better man. This a result of some of the finest friendships that a man could ask for. VMI has given me qualities far beyond what I will ever appreciate or understand.

Thank you mother for the love and encouragement that enabled me to persist. Good Luck Brother Rats. To Kevin and Alex I have the best of wishes and the greatest of thanks!

BRADLEY WAYNE VANDERWALKER

"Funk"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Air Force, Pilot Category

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Honor Court 2, 1; Prosecutor 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1, Secretary 2, Vice-President 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Harry Truman Scholarship Nominee 3; Ski Club 4, 3, 1; Scuba Club 2, 1; Varsity Golf 4, 3

The time has come, a time to finally look on our V.M.I. past, much different than our former years dreaming of what V.M.I. had in store for us. Yes V.M.I., you are certainly all that you ever lived up to be. You gave us our share of challenges, sorrows, fears, hopes, and even some triumphs. You gave us that special honor, an honor lacking in our world. I have had the opportunity of protecting, preserving, and following that honor bestowed to me through the court. Brother Rats, I am grateful for your support and your trust in a job so very demanding of time and spirit. To the corps., I pray that this unique honor has been installed throughout. It is a precious yet tender thing; it is for everyone of you who hold it dear.

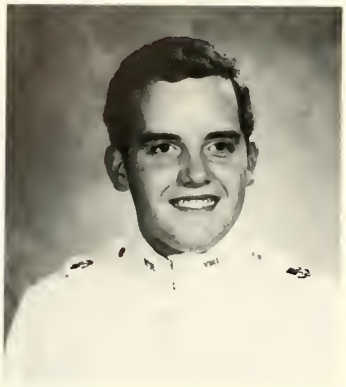
To my family and my dear Carolyn, I take a deep bow to you. What a support you have been, and what a love you have given. I could never repay such a priceless thing.

Most importantly, I kneel before my Lord who has made all possible. Through harsh times, your glory has shone all the more. It is so fulfilling to see your perfect timing of events suddenly become reality.

"Therefore, my beloved brethern,
be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work
of the Lord, Knowing that in
the Lord your labor is not in
vain."

I Corinthians
15:58

DYKES 1979: Kon Y. Shin
1985: Tom E. Tennesson



STEPHEN JOHN VARGA

"LFB (Little Fat Buddy), Little One, Varg, Napolean, Gasm"
Omaha, Nebraska

VMI Theatre 1, 2; VMI Cadet 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Mexican Flag; Private 1, 2, 3, 4; Rat Daddy 1, 2, 3; Apathy Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Steve's philosophy towards life here at The Institute can best be summarized by saying that all work and no play makes Steve a very dull boy. Although not greatly concerned about academics and working, I have discovered sometbing in him that is both rare and priceless. Although VMI has given us many good things, it also has the tendency to dull our emotions towards others. Steve has gotten through four years of VMI and has remained a very sensitive person, constantly concerned with the problems, worries, and fears of his friends. Don't worry Steve, academic distinction is common but the sensitivity and capacity for emotion that you possess is most rare.

TRH

VMI is a place that is hard to get through without help. I would like to thank the people who helped me — Joel, Ted, Jeff (Buddy Club?) Tracy, and all my other friends. I love you all very much, good luck!!

SJV

DYKES 1979: Chuck West
1985: Bob Ellis, Paul Marsenison

WILLIAM ERIC VICKERS

"Billy, Vic, Kid, Kidder, Ace"
El Paso, Texas

Tennis Team 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 1; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3; Ski Club 1; Moose Lodge 4; Yellow Submarine 1, 2, 3; ASCE 1, 2, 3, 4; Texas Club 4, 3; Rock 193 1; W&L Law Club 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1

What can be said about VMI that has not already been said. I guess it could be compared to a penicillin mold, which distasteful at first, grows on a cadet and eventually produces something of value. Certainly there was no way that Rat year I could picture myself writing these words. I just wanted to play a little tennis and get out. The fact that I am still here is not a testimony to the effectiveness of a system that is designed to produce a better man, but rather a tribute to a system that can take total strangers and make them lifelong friends. The friends I have are the best anyone could ask for. Thanks Mark, Rock, Nick, George, and most of all Col. Jamison.

Sometimes in periods of deep depression even your friends can't raise your spirits, but I always knew that I could call on my family, who loved and supported me all the way. Thanks Mom and Dad. Finally God bless all of you who still have a few years here — you'll need it!

DYKES 1979: Ed Johnson
1985: Tracy Burke, Gary James

ALLEN MICHAEL WILSON

"Uncle Al"
Washington, D.C.
Civil Engineering — Navy

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Civilian 2; Pvt. 1; VMI Glee Club 4; Promaji Club 4, 3, 1

Yes, it's true! I'm back at the "Mother I." To leave and then return during your first class year is a very hard thing to do. But somehow that bond, that brother rat spirit that brought us all closer together and made us into one hell-of-a-class has lasted the test of time.

I'd like to thank all of my B.R.'s for welcoming me back with such open arms that I feel as though I had never left. In counting my many blessings bestowed upon me by the Institute, two stand out most of all: great friendships and self honor which the Institute has taught me to cherish so dearly (and so it should be).

My very special thanks goes to the Davis family for their support and lasting friendship and my dykes in Rm. 106 who taught me the rules of being on confinement for the first time in my cadetship. And finally, but foremost, my "back bone," my family; "thank God for sisters and fantastic grandmothers (right Gerty and Margaret!)."

DYKES 1976: Terrence A. White
1979: Jeryl "Jaybo" Salmond, Greg Weaver
1985: Joe L. Rose

DAVID THOMAS WAGNER

"Head, Wags, Stick, O.T.R."
Newport News, Virginia

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cross Country 4, 2, 1; Indoor Track and Outdoor Track 4, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 3, 2; Dean's List 4; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1; Penthouse 28 3, 2, 1; Chemistry Scholarship 3

What can I say?? It has been four long years that I'll never forget. Too many times I've had to pick myself off the ground only to be slammed back down. I can only thank Mike, John and Kelly for getting me through Rat year. The Third Class Blues, penthouse 28, confinement and the Ghia. A Ring Figure cold as ice, right Jimbo! How can I forget Coach Wade Williams, a man I've grown to love and hate. I gave 100% and nothing less from the first day I stepped on the track. Always one step behind all the other runners, I struggled in vain to make a name for myself. Wild Bill, C.J., Snake, Weeble, Brat, and Jimbo, we made it together. Thanks Mom and Dad for your love and support. I thank God for Julie, I couldn't have finished my last year without her. THE ORDEAL IS OVER!!!

DYKES 1979: John Arthur
1985: Dennis Gnatowski

LEONARD DALE WAGNER

Williamsburg, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Design Committee

First of all I would like to thank everyone who made this possible, my Father, Mother, and Sister. Without my family's help I would have never made it through the Rat Line, much less this far. Then there are the people that I have lived with, like Rocky who have put up with me these past four years. And finally my Brother Rats, Instructors, and the rest of the VMI family, all of whom I will never forget. Thank you all.

LDW '82

O Major Mann, Thou Paragon of Knowledge,
Why, Oh why am I at college?
To cross a truss with a moving load?
Or mix concrete a la mode?
To draw up curves of stress and strain?
Or design a bridge for Cooper's train?

Who cares if I can figure shear?
That's not the reason I am here!
I came not to Virginia's mountains
to drink my fill of learning's fountains!
Nor came I to these verdant hills
to learn of guns and measure mils.
I came, O Booty, lend thine ear,
because my Father sent me here.

R. B. Douglas '36

DYKES 1979: Fred C. Dismore
1985: Dee Davis, Barry Brockway

JOHN WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT

"Jack, Jackson, Monback"
Seaford, Delaware
Economics — Air Force

Vice-President Officer of the Guard Association 1; Business Manager Ring Figure Magazine 2; Dean's List 3; Society of Young Economists 3, 2; Rugby Football Club 2, 1; Corporal 3; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; GMT Club

Jack came to us from Seaford, Delaware, "The Land of Pleasant Living" and certainly made living here more pleasant. A road trip would not be complete without all the essentials: Jackson, Bud-sodas, The Boss and Honda-rah — The red, white, and yellow car. Walking into a party with Jack was like walking through a seaboard town with the man in the Old Spice Commercials — heads turned. There were many pros and cons to this, Monback was a pro-fessional at meticulously placing every hair on his head in its proper place, frequently leaving girls con-fused, (Boston, Blacksburg, Staunton, Harrisonburg, etc.,) Jack inherited much of this ability from his unforgettable parents, Boots and Bill; we always knew that C.T.H. and "Old Corps" stories would be abundant when they were around. All abuse aside, Jack is one of the most dependable, unselfish, and closest friends we have ever had. We love you Jack, (We mean it, get outta here . . .)

RGS III, JKM

DYKES 1979: Harry Siepp
1985: Steve Fisher

JERRY ALLEN WALKER

"Hooter, Hootendolph"
Linden, Virginia
E.E. — Air Force

AAS 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3; Firefighters 1; Softball Team 1; IEEE 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; No. 1 Club

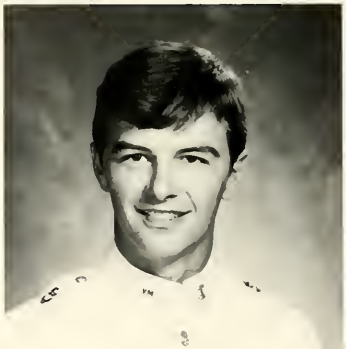
The long four years of the VMI experience is finally over. The dream is finally a reality. This place will hold a lot of memories both good and bad. The bad memories will soon fade away, but the good will last forever. The best memories being those of the many good friends that I've made here.

I'd like to thank my very good friend Rusty, and my great roommates, Dave and Scot for being there in my time of need.

But, mostly, I'd like to thank my family for their never-ending love and encouragement — which made this day possible. Thank you Dad, Mom, Charmaine, Ricky, Joni, Danny, Tammy, Steve and Terry. I love you all very much.

JAW

DYKES 1979: Ralph William Briggs
1985: John Kaplan



WILLIAM BRADLEY WALKER

"Luke"
Ponca City, Oklahoma
Electrical Engineer — Navy

Cadre 3, 2; Dean's Honor Roll 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities 1; Vice President Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; IEEE 2; Secretary 1; Glee Club 3; Member of VMI Chapter of Room 518 EE; "Ease Up on Studying" Club

Four years, four of the most important years in my life and I'm expected to condense it into a short statement. In view of the fact that this is utterly impossible I can only say this: The VMI has left a lasting impression on me that will never fade, as the end draws near I don't feel the excitement or happiness that I expected I would feel back in those hot August days of 1978. Instead I feel sad that I will have to leave all of my friends and memories behind and move onward. There are those who question the value of such an education in today's world, but I would be willing to bet they never spent four years within the hallowed walls of VMI.

Duke, Jay, Neal, and Guy . . . we have become far more than mere friends, for friendship is far too inadequate a word to describe those you have lived with for 3 or 4 years under such circumstances. And of course Chuck, Thone, Moon, Rusty, Eddie, Eric, Stu, Tyler, Jim and God Knows the list goes on. Exploring under the library, Friday night Poker, not studying, yelling, screaming, playing . . . acting like little kids in general. But we couldn't help it, we were having too much fun to stop and consider our actions.

I don't want to say it was all fun and games, after it seemed impossible. Bur VMI isn't the marching, the uniforms, or the discipline. It is the people.

Thanks Mom and Dad, it was money well spent.

WBW

DYKES 1979: Jim Owens
1985: Harry Allens

EDWARD THOMAS WALSH III

"Ward, WW, E.T., Mr. Excitement"
Chester, Virginia
Economics — Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt.; Bomb Photographer 4, 3, Photography Editor 2, Editor-in-Chief 1; Cadet Photography Editor 3, 2; Editor-in-Chief of the 1982 Bullet (Rat Bible); Publications Board 2, 1; William Cooper Award 2; Wrestling 4; Rugby 3; Rat Training 2; Co-Captain Rappelling and Climbing 1; Dean's List 3, 1; AROTC Scholarship 3; Distinguished Military Student; Airborne 3; Air Assault 3; Special Forces 2; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 3, 2, 1; Hop Escort 2, 1

Ward is the original "Quiet Man." I have had the pleasure and sometimes displeasure to be his friend and one time bunkie throughout these wonderful four years. When I first met him I was puzzled by his shyness and relative uninterest in the happenings around him. But ohh, were we all surprised! It just took Ward a little longer to come out of his shell. Once he did, however, he was irreprehensible. Airborne, Air Assault, Special Forces, Ac Stud, Editor extraordinaire! His accomplishments speak for him and tell of a brave, adventurous, concerned individual. Always a gentleman and recently a ladies' man, Ward is the manifestation of the mythical VMI Man. Whether on Wall Street, in the court room or in the Army, he will rise to the top. And so my shy friend, I bid thee Adieu! It was an honor and pleasure to make your acquaintance.

CWK

DYKES 1979: Howard Adams
1985: Clyde Gardner

JACOB HAIGLER WAMSLEY III

"Wombat, Bat, Jason"
Chemistry

Keydet Photographic 4; Bomb Photographic 4, 3, 2; American Chemical Society 3, 1; Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies 12/19/81; Dean's Other List 4, 3, 2; The Summerschool Bunch 78, 80, 81, 82; Theater Raid of Feb. 81 . . . They smile in your face . . .

A long time ago, somewhere around 10th grade I swore I would never come to this place. I believed that until I drove into Limits gates on August 22, 1979 I thought I knew about VMI before I got here. As it turned out, I didn't. I managed to struggle through my Rat year with only one noticeable problem. My GPA. My third Class year was fairly normal and we did eat the . . . I finally made it to Ring figure. I was doing well until 4 days before when I managed to go through 4 different dates in a matter of hours. Thanks Girls! When I finally found one, she woke up Saturday morning with a 105 degree temp. and make that 5 different dates. I would like to thank Cindy very much for the last minute plans on Saturday. Saturday afternoon and evening of Ring Figure turned out to be everything I had hoped. Thanks to my BR's! That night turned out to be a little bit strange and I would like to take the time to thank Chris whom I respect for the way he handled things and also for putting up with me for 3 years.

Now it is my First class year. It turned out to be rather anticlimatic. On May 15 only 9 more credit hours to go. I would like to thank my roommates for attempting to put up with me, Sherrill, for her love and encouragement and my mother and father for a list of things that is too long to put here.

By the way Dad, the reason I came here was so that I might be lucky enough to turn out a little bit like you . . .

DYKES 1979: Rick Pugh
1985: Lu Crenshaw

WILLIAM STUART WARREN

"Stu, Richie, Stubaby"
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
E.E. — Air Force — Pilot

IEEE 1; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; 1st Battalion Cmdr. 1; Honor Court 2, 1; Turtlization Committee Chairman; Theta Kappa Nu; Phi Kappa Phi 1; Aviation Explorers 4; Scuba Club 1; Cabin Party 1; Room 521 Ease-Upon Studies Club 2, 1; J-Town Boys 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Doc's Boys 2, 1; Room 521 NEB Poker Club 2, 1

An appropriate word to describe my stay here would be interesting. From day one I knew this was not your average institute of higher learning. I have discovered a great deal about myself since venturing to Lexington. When I recall my difficult times of coping with the VMI system I silently chuckle and wonder whatever made me decide to choose this route. But when I consider what VMI has given me I can only be satisfied with my decision. The friends I have made are a unique and cherished breed. Being able to laugh and cry in the same conversation with a fellow cadet is a treasured feeling. To my roommates, I thank you for putting up with me and lifting my spirits through the tough times. Without you I know I would not have made it. And finally I thank my family, whose love and encouragement is the most important reason why May 15, 1982 is a reality.

DYKES 1979: George Graham, Richard Seplaveda
1985: Jake Spivey

PAUL HYTEN WEBB

"Youngster, Young Stud, Young, Young Webb"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Pre-Law Society; Monogram Club; Society of Young Economists; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Cross Country 4, 3, 2, 1; Indoor Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Most Valuable Player Cross Country 2; Letterman 4, 3, 2, 1

Thank GOD every morning when you rise that you have something to do that must be done, whether you like it or not, being forced to work and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, contentment, and a 100 other virtues which the idle will never know

Newton

Thank you for the image you have given me. I am grateful for being blessed, though with only one parent, a man that seemed to fill both a father and a mother's role, and one who encouraged me to persevere. I love my father.

God has created me to be who I am and to do my best at whatever I pursue. The three-legged stool here at VMI has been a challenging, satisfying, and fulfilling journey which I will never regret.

To all my classmates good luck and God bless you.

DYKES 1979: Anthony Moore, Danny Schlickenmeyer
1985: Bruce Hill, Spencer Williamson

KYLE JOSEPH WEIDLICH

"Earl the Pig, Earl, Pig, Weed-Lick"
Chester, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee 1; Corporal 3; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; Concrete Canoe 2, 1; Yacht Club Member (Charter Member) 3, 2, 1

To most the "yacht Club" was fictitious. But, to one skipper and his three crewmen the "Yacht Club" was as real as the sandy beaches, breezy palm trees, rocking boats and rolling waves outside the windows of 110. The "Yacht Club" evolved out of a never-to-be-forgotten rat year and developed into some of the closest and most meaningful friendships to ever come from within the walls of the Institute. For me to try and recall all of our experiences would be an endless task and to try and condense them just a few words would be virtually impossible. Jimmy Buffet, a man of much music and many words described it something like this: "So, drink it up this one's
for you; it's been a lovely cruise,
I'm sorry it's ended, oh it's sad but it's
true, it's been a lovely cruise,
These moments we're left with, may you
always remember,
These moments are shared by few,
There's wind in our hair, and there's
water in our shoes,
It's been a lovely cruise.
We'll bid our farewells much too soon,
So, drink it up, this one's for you,
it's been a lovely cruise."

It would take more than a few lines to thank all the family and friends of the "Yacht Club" who've made this such a lovely cruise, but without one person's love and guidance my "cruise" would never have been possible at all . . .

Thanks Mom.

DYKES 1979: Mike Vela
1985: Dan "Bobby Sands" McCloud, Dan "Murph" Murphy

BYRON MacMASTER WELSH

"Turtle Toes"
Lexington, Virginia
E.E. — Air Force

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1; President Amateur Radio Club 2, 1; President IEEE 4; TCFC 82 2; Air Force Scholarship 3, 2, 1; Salem College Fan Club Chairman 3, 2, 1

I'd just like to thank a few people. First I'd like to thank all of my roommates Ken, Curtis, Bill, Ralph and Forest. Thanks especially to Bill, Ken and Curtis for making the last two years great. All of you are the best! (Thanks for putting up with me Ralph)

My Dad and Mom should get a special thanks for never letting me down when I needed them. Thanks for taking the trouble to come and get me when I needed to get out of VMI. The home cooked meals every once in a while were great Mom.

I also want to thank Col. Skutt for all of the time and help he gave me my senior year. His friendship definitely made the last year more bearable.

Most of all I want to thank Nancyanne for making the last three years the greatest. I love you!!! Can't wait till May 29!

Coming to VMI was probably the best decision I ever made. Even though there have been some rough times in these last four years, the good times and very good friends have made it worth everything to me. To all my friends, THANKS!

BMW

DYKES 1979: Carter McCrowe
1985: John Adams

PETER SCOTT WHITE

"White Peter, Scotty Poo, Scotty, Scott"
Glen Arm, Maryland

Honor Court 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Mst. Sgt. 2; Captain 1; Cade 2; Gang 116

Scott arrived here as equipped as any of us to tackle this four year journey at VMI, and from the word go, Scott has never stopped moving forward; he also has a burning desire to make the wrong things turn out right, the negative flip to positive. As I look back, Scott's positive attitude was one of the biggest keys to my success here. Little did he or I know we would room with Bob and Al for four years within the same four walls, which sometimes seemed like a tag team wrestling arena. Rat year was a real experience with the aid of Mike Muller's antics, but Scott survived and over the four years has developed the patience of Job, especially as "McHale's Navy Commander", better known as Bravo Company C.O. God speed Scott and good luck with the "Bod".

DLR '82

To Mom, Dad, Karen, friends, relatives, brother rats, and my roommates, thank you for your support for the past four years. I love you all.

PSW '82

DYKES 1979: Jeff McLean
1985: David Stinnette

KEVIN RICHARD WILKERSON

English — Air Force

VMI Debate Team 4; VMI Hop Comm. 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 3, 2; VMI Theatre 3, 2, 1; Midnight Bridge Club 1; English Society 3; Society of Physics Students 4; The Debbie Fan Club 2, 1

Four years have come and gone and I will say that these have been frustrating, traumatic and miserable times, but without the people here at VMI it would not have been worth it. Through all the MEI's, TEI's, SNI's, Parades, and working with the VMI theatre I have made friends I'll never forget. My friends stuck by me and helped me through this place, through my father's passing, through it all! VMI fosters people who care about others. And really I'd like to say how grateful I am that God lent these people to the world while I was here — Trey, Mel, Michael, Rob, Cliff, Ellen, Bob, Laura, and all the others I come across in the past years. Next, I wish to tell my mother and brother how I appreciated their love and devotion during the good and bad times, Thank You!, I love you. To all my VMI friends — I don't say goodbye, but instead — Till we meet again.

DYKES 1979: Kurt Undercoffer
1982: James B. Chartier

JEROME EUGENE WILLIAMS

"Buffalo, Swoope Monster, First Class"
Swoope, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Promagi 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; FLS Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Recondo Badeg — ROTC Advanced Camp; "Airborne"

I'd like to thank my mother, father and the rest of my family for the love they have given me these past few years. I would also like to thank Coach Wade (stump! stump!) Williams for his patience, understanding and guidance. VMI has given me a good education, many new friends and a fulfilling college track career. For all this I thank the Institute. Finally I would like to thank Ed (Jose) Daniel, Joey (Booger Gruff) Keyes, Darryl Horne-Toad, J. C. Edwards and William Strickland for being my special friends. May you all achieve success in every endeavor.

DYKES 1979: Burley Bird
1985: Cedric Wins and Sly Davis

LARRY RITCHIE WILLIAMS JR.

"Bucky, L.R., Square Mouth"
Keeletown, Virginia

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Captain Fencing Team 1; Fencing Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Kenny Burgess Pit Crew; Frustrated Playboy's Club 2, 1; Amateur Bomb Squad 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 3; Equestrian Club 3; S-5 Staff 1

Well it's been quite a four years for this Virginia gentleman. Yet through it all Larry seems to have come out on top. His rapid rise through the ranks told us that we already knew about "young Lar" and that was his being "a model for us all" and truly "a leader of men." Unfortunately Lar's rise to military greatness was stopped by a higher authority who had plans of his own for our hero. Such wit and charm did not belong in a foxhole. Accordingly like his predecessor Jeb Stuart this swashbuckling cavalier rode into the hearts of the ladies of the Shenandoah Valley. But on the serious side Larry has contributed quite a bit to VMI and those around him. His great leadership ability and the high standards he sets for himself and those around him will be great assets in the future. This combined with the friendship we all shared represent quite a man. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

DYKES 1979: Jim Blank
1985: Rick Sullivan, Dave Cox

RICHARD RYAN WILSON

"Rick, Phantom, Stick, Guts"
Raleigh, North Carolina

Maggot 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Regt. S-5; Lieutenant 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee 1; S-5 Tour Guide 2; VMI Society of Young Economists 3; Glee Club 4; RFYL 4, 3, 2; SYFL 1; Azalea Festival Escort 2; '02 Club 3, 2, 1

As we all say our last good-byes, it's probably high time that I announced my forgiveness to Gary, for having covered my freshly spit-shined cartridge box with peanut butter, and to Andy, for having "scratched his face 'til it bled," thus inviting the entire RDC into our room after Taps!!!

Also, I'd like to thank my roommates, Bob, Scott, and John, for stretching the limits of human patience by putting up with all my idiosyncrasies for the past years. Finally, I'd like to say thanks from the bottom of my heart to Mom, Dad, Chris, and Jenny for all their love and support in good times and bad.

Now it's hard to believe that it's almost over, and equally hard to say good-by to the friends and experiences of the past four years. But as a wise man once said, "Time neither stands still nor tarries with yesterday," and it is with that spirit that we look forward with confidence and optimism to the days ahead.

DYKES 1979: Tom Mitchell
1985: Alton Malbon

RUSSELL S. WOOD

"Rusty, Woodski, Little Polish Boy"
Fayetteville, Georgia
E.E. — Air Force

3 Year AFROTC Scholarship; BSU 4; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Deputy Commander 2; Commander 1; Ring Figure Magazine Staff 2; Bomb Sports Editor 1; IEEE 1; Cadet Battery 3; Dean's List 4; Hootendolph's 3, 2, 1; PHUCOWIES 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

Sometimes it's Heaven, and Sometimes it's Hell, and sometimes I don't even know

Willie Nelson

How do you spell Southern? — R.U.S.T.Y. Living with Rusty was easily the most enjoyable experience of my cadetship. In a short year I have grown to love Rusty more as a brother than a friend. He has shared a very special part of himself with me and for that I will always be grateful. Marty, if you pattern yourself after your dyke VMI will be much more than a learning experience. I will always remember him for his good taste in music, our attempts to kill a turkey, our "canoe trips", our wrestling matches, and for all the good times we spent together just having fun! Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Wood! You raised One hell of a son! Sharon if you don't grab him you are a fool.

EBK

DYKES 1979: Chappy Lucas
1985: Marty Seargent

WILLIAM SCOTT WOODDELL

"Woody, Bosko, Head Cretin"
Springfield, Virginia
Biology — Army

Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pre-Medical Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Diving Club 2, 1; Cadet Recreation Committee 1; Cadet Cadre 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Construction Committee; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Distinguished Military Student; Cheerleader 1; Recondo Qualified 1; Salem Social Club Member 1; North Carolina Shuttle Service 2, 1

"Whatever is hard to be traversed;
whatever is hard to be acquired;
whatever is hard to be visited;
whatever is hard to be performed:
all this may be accomplished by
true devotion; for the difficulty of
devotion is the greatest of all."

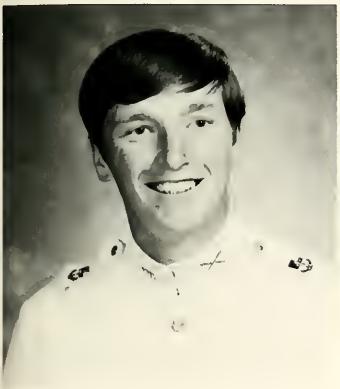
H. D. Thoreau

Mom and Dad, I love you both. Without your love, devotion, encouragement, and consideration, I wouldn't have endured. Jeanine, thank you for being there when I needed you. You made life so much easier to bear. I love you.

Finally, thanks roomies and BR's. Your names, accomplishments, and all the experiences we've shared will be long remembered.

WSW

DYKES 1979: John Colonna
1985 Jim Gregory, Gary Klein



RICHARD ERNEST WOOLWINE III

"Wool, Woolrhine, Horsehead"
Roanoke, Virginia

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Society Young Economist; Monogram Club 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; The Lounge Late Night Nerf Basketball Club

I am not going to try and explain how I feel about my four years here at the "I"; It would be virtually impossible. I would, however, like to express my appreciation and thanks to the people who have made it possible for me to survive. To Jill, I will always be in your debt. You put up with more complaining and griping than anyone can imagine. Without your love and understanding there would not be a need for a class history. Mom and Dad, I still don't know if it was worth it, but thanks for making me hang in there. I will love you always. To the great friends I've made here, it has been an incredible four years. Friendship is what this place is all about. Finally, to my roommates, thanks for taking me in. If indeed these four years of struggling are to be worth anything, I will owe it to you. Promise that we will be friends forever. Thanks "Dink." Thanks "Daryl.

DYKES 1979: Steve Powers
1985: Dennis Elliot, Todd Wood

JEFFREY MASON WORLEY

"Whirly Bird, Worles, Horley, Bagload, The Keeper"
Greeneville, Tennessee
Economics — Air Force

Sgt. 2; Reg. S-4 Adj. 1st Lt. 1; Mess Committee 2, 1; Head Cadet Waiter 2, 1; Teacher's Assistant (Swimming) 3, 2; Rat Training 3, 2; Scuba Club 2, 1; Grotto Club 3; VMI Campaign Worker 2; Society for Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Investment's Club 3; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Parachute Club 2; 117 Room Religion

You see things; and you say "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say "Why not?"

George Bernard Shaw

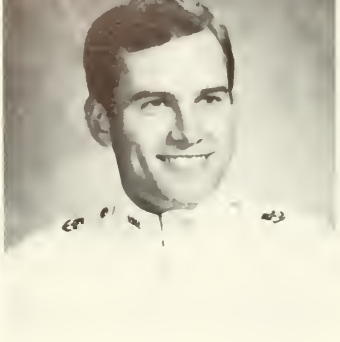
When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit —
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a person turns about
When they might have won had they stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow —
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out —
The silver tint of the cloud of doubt —
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

Anonymous

DYKES 1979: Jeffrey "Beebs" Beeby
1985: Hugh "Trucker" Hill, Charles "Boat Load" Wydler



KENNETH LEE YATES

"Happy Rat, Dough Boy"
Lynchburg, Virginia

Cpl., Sgt., Plt. Lt. C Company; Editor-in-Chief, *VMI Cadet;* Arnold Air Society; Society of Physics Students; Posit Committee; Phi Kappa Phi; Sigma Phi Sigma; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Air Force; Academically Distinguished Student 4, 3, 2, 1

No one ever said VMI would be easy; it wasn't. Many events have occurred since August 23, 1978, bringing back both good and bad memories. But it would be hard to describe how I have benefitted from VMI, because I probably will not even realize these things until many years later. I can say that there are two things which I cherish the most about VMI. First, that VMI cadets are men of honor and integrity, and that this honor is what has preserved VMI during its long history. Secondly, nowhere have I found friendship to be so close as at VMI. Bill, Byron, and Curtis, you are all a part of my cadetship, and I never would have made it without your friendship. To you I wish the best that life can offer. Finally, I want to say thanks to a family that has always been there when I needed them, especially to you Mom for your encouragement and love. My cadetship is over, but my life has just begun.

DYKES 1979: Jeff Vordermark
1985: Mike Johnson

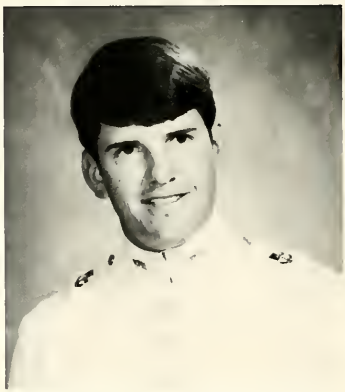
JOSEPH BENNET YODZIS

"Joe, J.B., Nose, The Yodz"
Kutztown, Pennsylvania
History — Navy

Cadre Cpl. 3; Platoon Lt. 1; Int'l Relation Club 4, 3; VMI Awards Committee 1; VMI Symposium; Rat Training Cadre 1

Before Matriculation day I had never been near Lexington, Virginia nor had I spoken to anyone even vaguely connected to VMI. All I had was a cloudy notion of improving myself and some apprehension about ". . . a proscribed route in barracks at rigid attention . . ." I hope that I can say that I achieved the former and I can certainly say that my fears were well founded. There were other things though. Above all I found friendship in the likes of "Sickman, Austin, Pete, Boulderhead, Stork, Cookie, JEB, and Boho." The examples of humility, dedication, and honesty given me by Col. Wilson and Dr. Monsour will God willing stay with me throughout my life.

Although I can never repay my parents and grandparents for the support they've given me throughout these years, let it be known that no young man ever had so great an advantage in facing these gates.



JAMES ALLEN ZAHN

"Jim, Jimbo, Bart, Sparky"
Naples, Florida

NROTC Pistol Team 3, 2, 1, Co-Captain 1; Mess Hall Committee 1; Ring Construction Committee 2; TCFC 82; Cadet Paper 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Special Student 4, 3, 2, 1; Apathy Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Member of Psycho-Corner 3, 2

I have been told to put four years of my life into 150 words or less. It's funny how VMI asks for the impossible and then expects it done immediately. The following will express the feelings I have for my friends at VMI.

When we first met, we enjoyed each other's company. We shared each other's joy and sorrow. We laughed and cried together, and when we were together — we smiled. Now that I have departed, I reminisce about the times we shared. I remember all the times I laughed and cried, and when I finish thinking — I smile.

I'd like to use some of this priceless space to thank the ten different roommates I have had, and the women I have dated for making part of my VMI experience enjoyable. Paul and Typhoid — thanks. Mom and Dad — I love you both. Brother Rats — live freely. VMI — never again!!

DYKES 1979: John S. White
1985: Ralfeal Thomas Bejar II

ROBERT RONALD ZINS JR.

"Sniz, Rob"
Youngstown, Ohio
Physics — Air Force

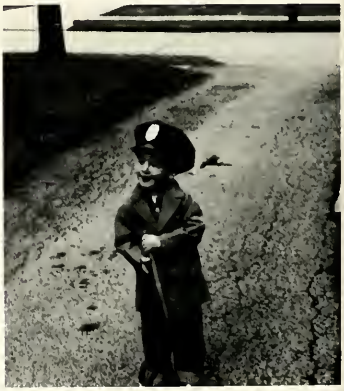
Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Dean's List 3; Museum Assistant 2, 1; VMI Theater 2; Society of Physics Students 4, 2, 1; Intramural Basketball 4, 3; RFYL 1; Cadre 2; Mallory Militia 4, 3, 2, 1; All Nighters Anonymous 2, 1

Well Rob, it seems like only yesterday. There you were, 6'6" of dynamic manliness, of raw rathood. How many times were you asked, "Do you play basketball?" and your reply "only when I want to." I knew then that your quick wit and outgoing personality would soon have you at the forefront of your class, socially, militarily and even scholastically. That you would rise (if that was possible; already over six feet tall) from relative obscurity to total obscurity in a mere four years. What was it that your academic advisor said, "Are *you* a physics major?"

Seriously though Rob, you've enriched my life. It's been intense since moving in with you, Shuan and Keith. Continually on the prowl for humor, finding it in strange places, laughing till three a.m. Inspiring me with you academic prowess, "Joe, I'm lost/'. Roach hunting. Your amazing ability to aggravate losses. Passing out in SRC ranks from dehydration — manly, manly! Keep that incredible (that latent) sense of humor through life, a tape of the Doors and Shuans Na-Na. Then one day, just maybe, we'll run ten together.

Joe — 78, 81, 82

DYKES Stanley Hodges 1979
Walter J. Adelmann 1985
James M. Harvey



CLEMENT JAMES ZOTTO

"Z, Zulu, Clementino"
Troy, New York
Economics — U.S.M.C.

Intramural Boxing Team 4; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club; Number 1 Club; Rugby; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Radford Road Team 3, 2, 1; Traveling Team 3, 2, 1

V.M.I. hasn't been much fun the last 4 years, but looking back I guess you can recall a few. With the help of my friend Rich and a few of the other Institute's finest, we always seemed to be able to have a good time, where none existed.

I'd like to thank the boys in 146 for serving my No. 1 with me. I'd also like to thank my brothers, sisters, and my parents for their help and cooperation through these last 4 years. One more person I would like to thank is my girlfriend Mary who put up with me the last 4 years.

DYKES 1979: Brian G. McKeever
1985: Byron Ross, Steve (Stosh) Motylinski

JEROME DAVID STACK JR.

"Jerry, J.D., Schnauzer"
Mechanicsville, Virginia
Navy

Private 4, 3, 2; Corporal 3; Varsity Baseball 3; Glee Club 3, 2; Commanders 4, 3; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2; Pep Band 4

Thanks Mom and Dad for helping me through the difficult times. To my roommates, Willy, Pete, and Eddy, have a good first class year and I'll see you on the beach.

From your first roommates, in 456; You were the brightest and the best of us. Inventer and perfecter of the horizontal strain, inspirator to the lonely hearts in us, we will remember you and guard our friendship always. Good Luck from us all . . . Mark and Larry.

DYKES 1979: John Vaughn

JOHN LEWIS

"J.D."
Waverly, Pennsylvania

Bob Dylan once penned the line, "he who is not busy being born is busy dying." John is busy being born. Why else would a cadet take his first class year off to go live on a kabutz in Israel. A gadfly at heart (American needs more of them) John is always unraveling someone's nice little packages by asking the questions they had avoided. John has learned a lot at VMI. He has learned that honor involves a lot more than not lying, cheating, or stealing. He has learned the meaning of confinement and the joy of celebrating each spring the fact that there would be no more confinement until the next fall. He has learned that some people do indeed enjoy jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. If John were here to write this himself I think he would like to leave you with the words of Bob Dylan from the Ballad of a Thin Man.

You pay your money just to see the geek
Who walks right up to you when he hears you speak.
And ask, how does it feel to be such a freak.
And you say, impossible, as he hands you a bone.

SBK-RFK

THE SECOND CLASS AND OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT

CHARLES M. A. ROGERS
VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT S. McGEHEE
HISTORIAN

SECOND CLASS

The Class of 1983 has progressed for three long years through the VMI system. Time has seen us grow from civilians, to cadets, to men.

On August 22, 1979, a young group of individuals gathered at the Virginia Military Institute. They left behind them a familiar old world and embarked upon a journey into a strange new one. This new world challenged every facet of these young men's personality. They were tested mentally, physically, and academically, and many could not pass these tests.

On February 7, 1980, those that met the challenge molded together as one. They would, forever, be "Brother Rats." They would always be the Class of 1983.

The summer of 1980 drew to an end as these men gathered once more to face the change of the Virginia Military Institute. That summer had purged our ranks, and the coming year promised to dwindle our class even more. But those that remained strengthened their bond. The third class year gave new responsibilities to these men, and the academics that seemed so difficult the year before were easy by comparison to this year's burden.

But the strong met these new challenges and returned the next fall to face their second class year. On November 21, 1981, we confirmed our commitment to one another when we were presented with our class ring, which was a symbol of our total commitment to one another and to our class.

F.P.S. '83

The Class of Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-three

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requests the pleasure of your company

at its

Ring Figure

Friday evening, the twentieth of November

at eight o'clock

with Dance following in

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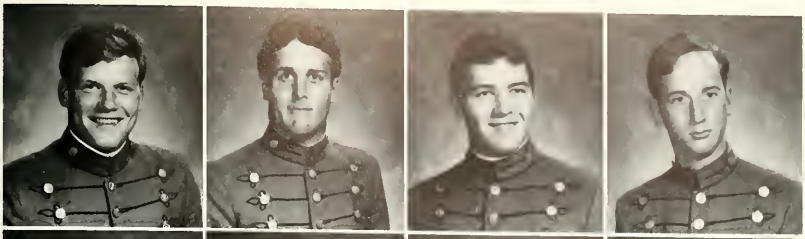
Richmond, VA



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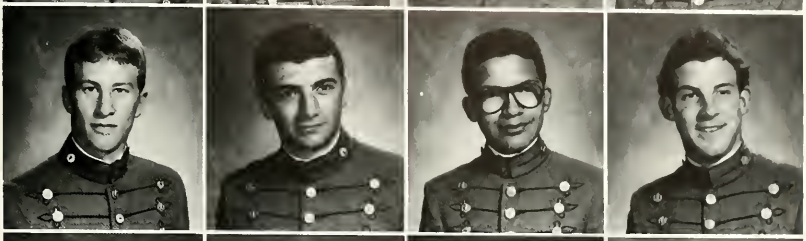

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Lindenhurst, NY

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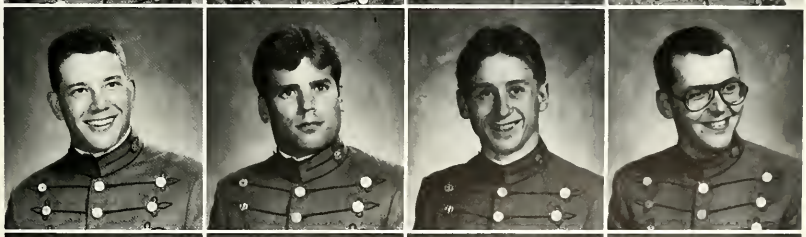

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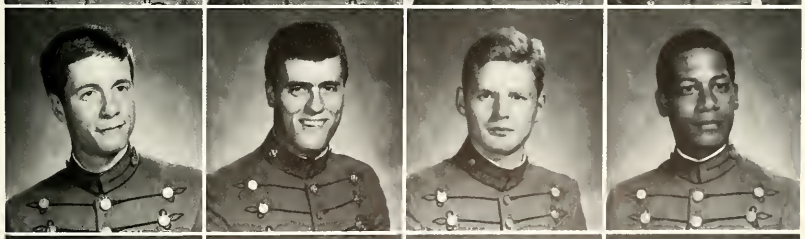

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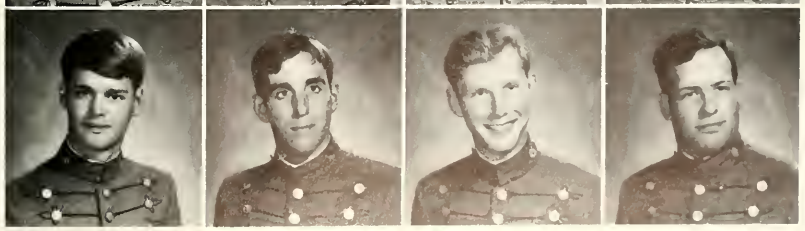

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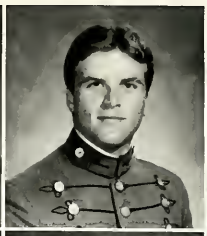

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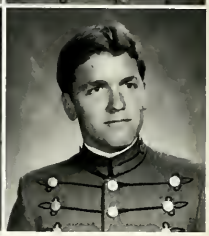

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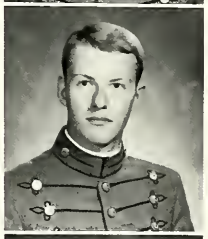

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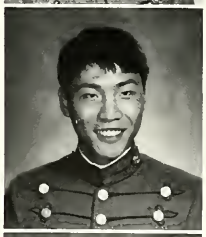

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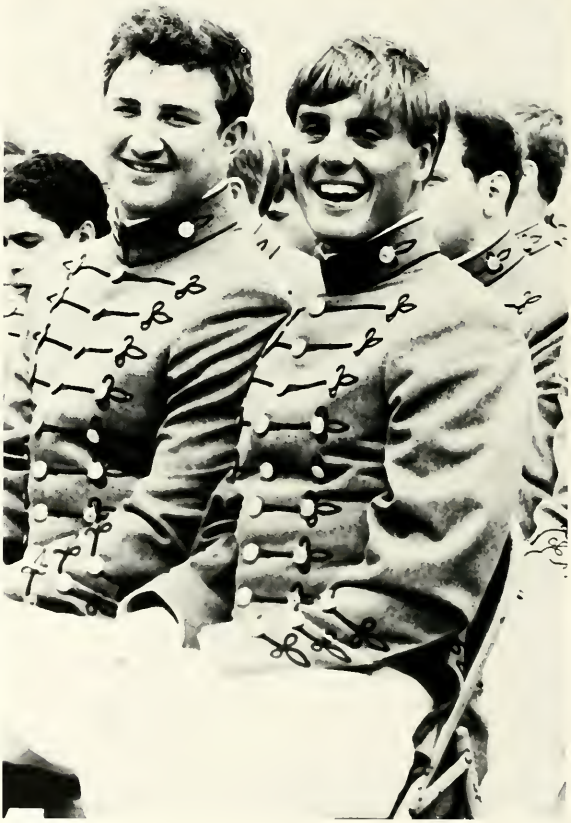

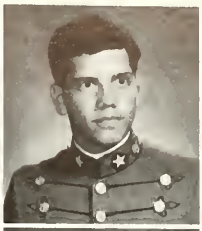

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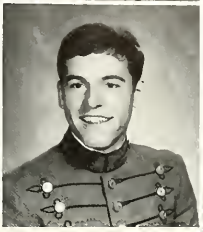

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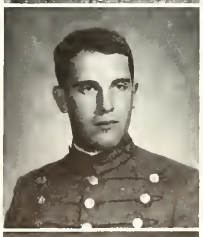

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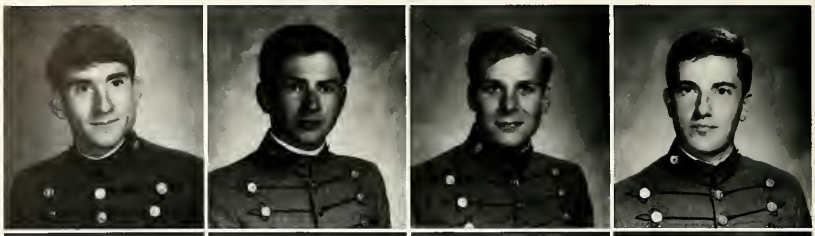

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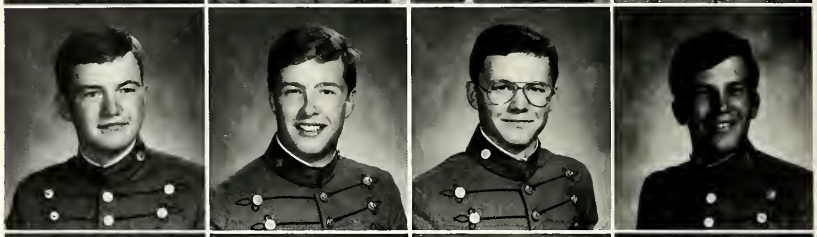

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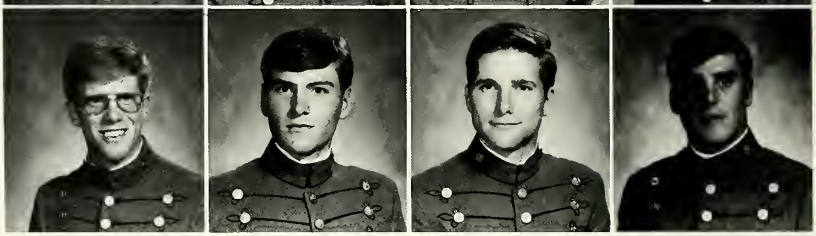

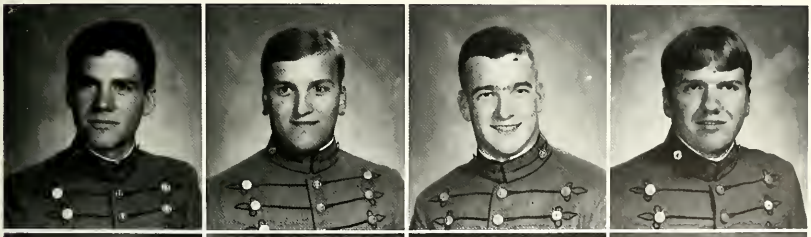

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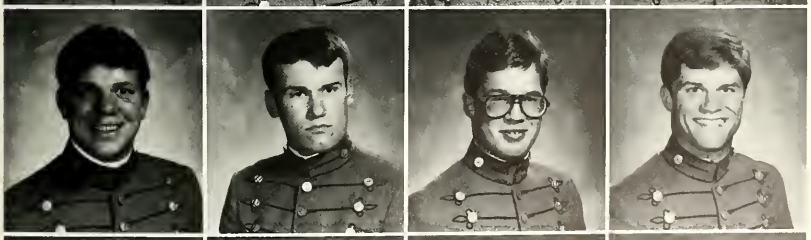

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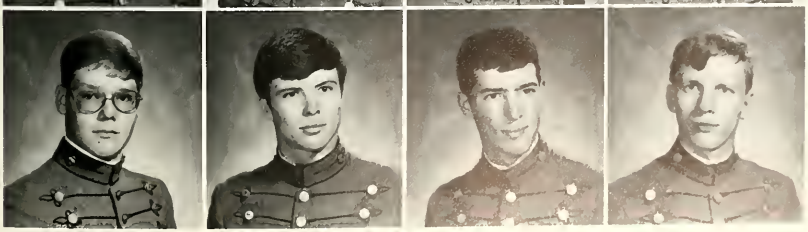

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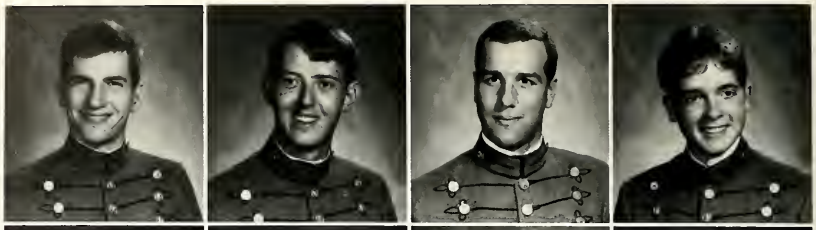

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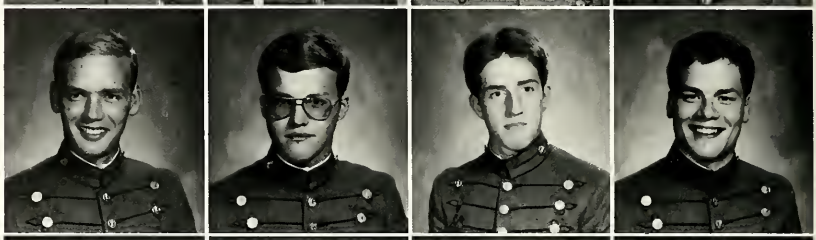

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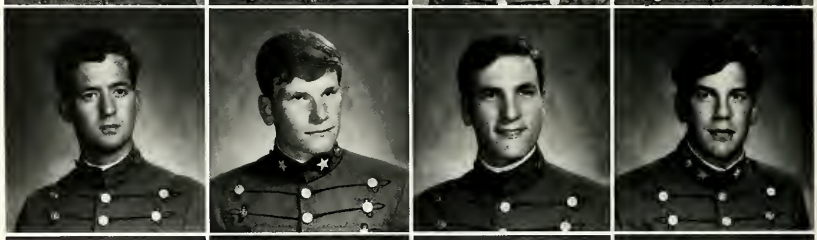

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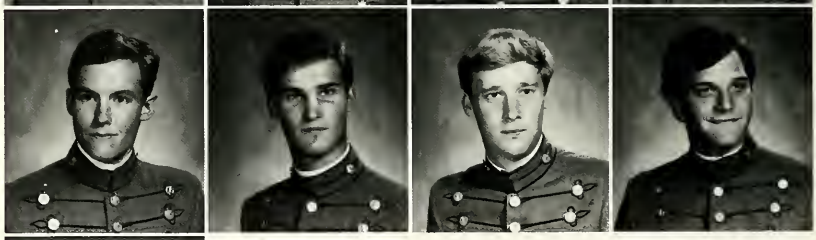

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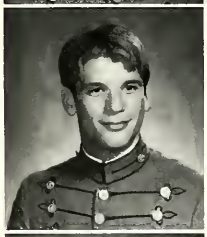

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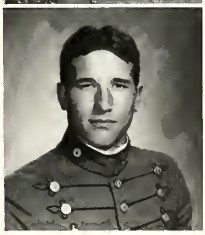

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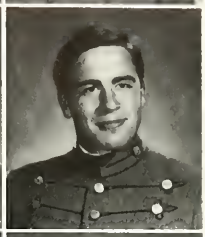

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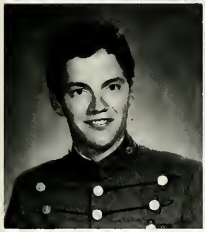

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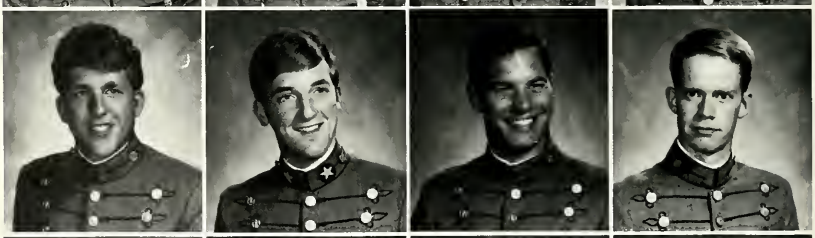

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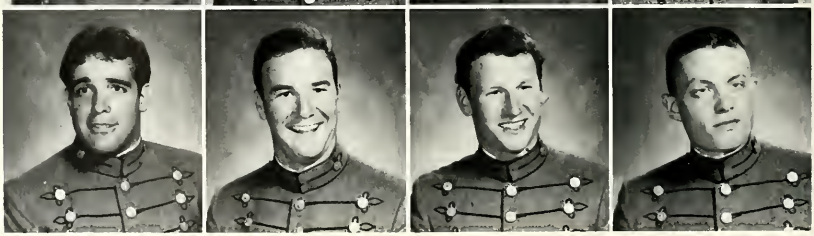

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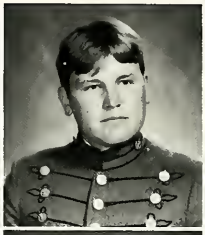

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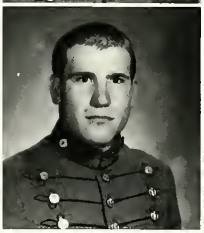

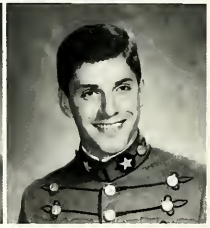

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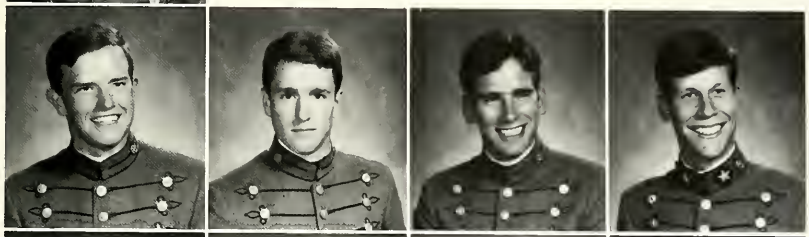

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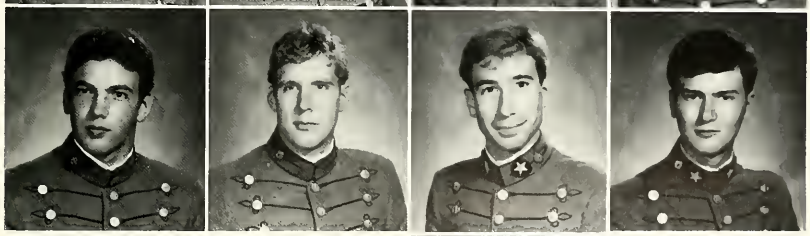

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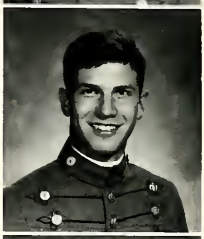

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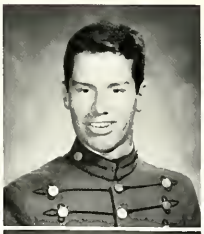

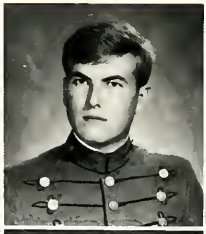

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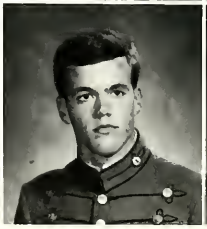

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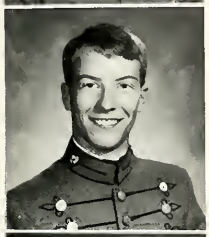

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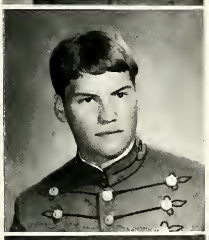

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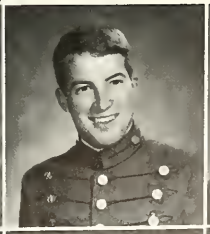

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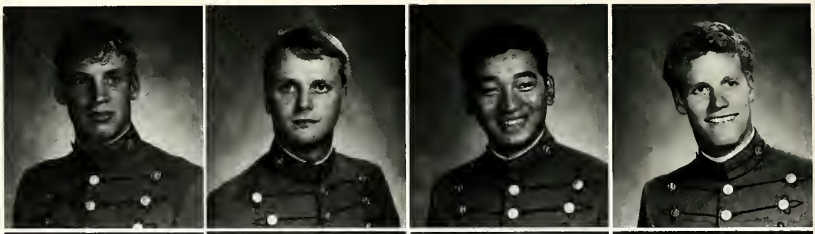

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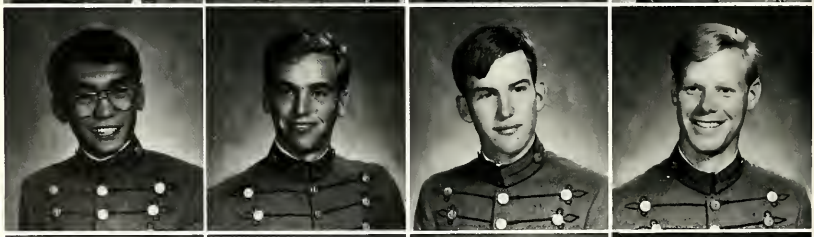

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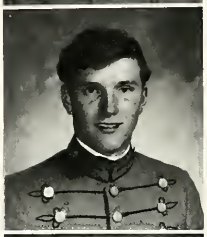

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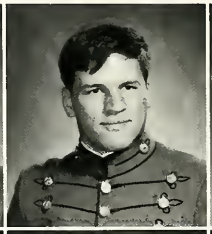

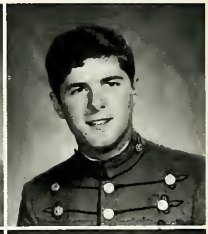

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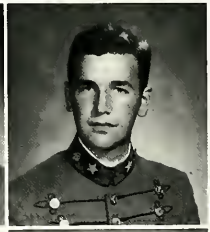

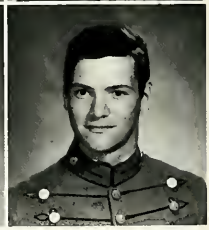

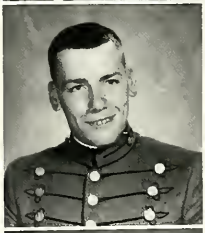

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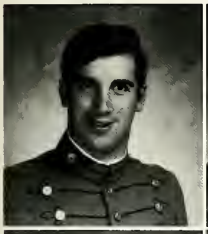

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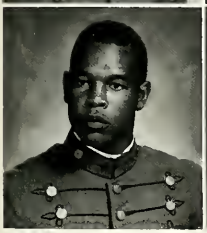

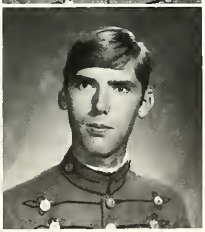

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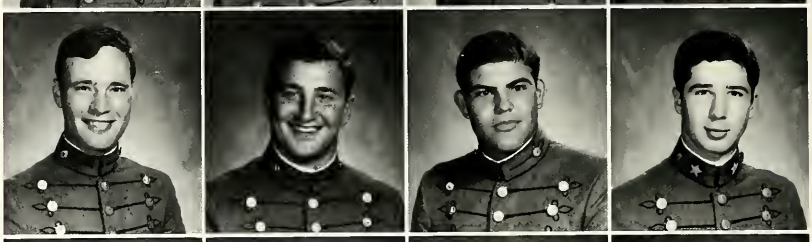

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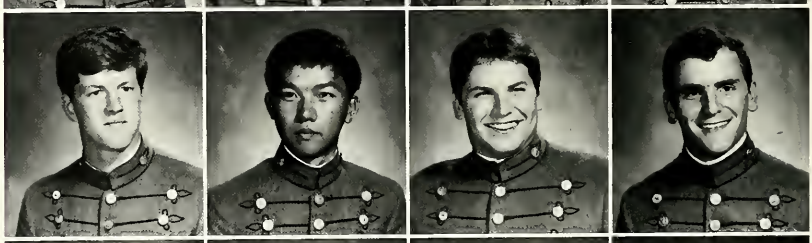

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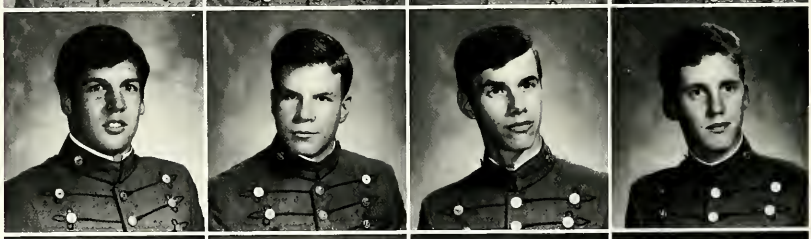

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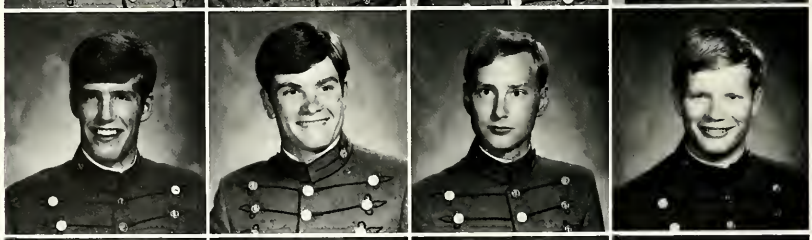

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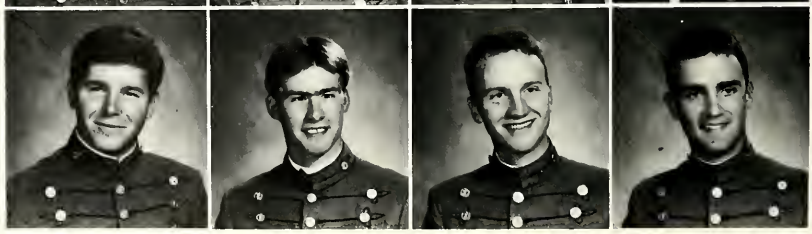

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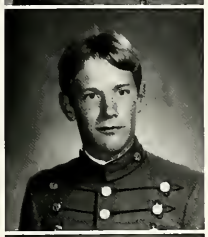

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For each man who reads this article there has been a time in his life when he first experienced the responsibility, the discipline, the self awareness, and the maturity of manhood. For each of the 408 young men who passed through limits gate on August 20, 1980, there was soon to be a rude awakening to the true harshness of life. Each soon learned to cherish freedoms which he once had taken for granted. Each was stripped of all superficial status, was humbled at the feet of other men, and was forced to prove himself as an individual. In addition to being a time of degradation, this trying period was one of personal growth. Each young man found deep within himself the pride needed to keep on pushing, and sheer guts needed to fight for a cause. These men learned together through experience the true meaning of brotherhood. They accepted a new way of life and made numerous sacrifices in order to adapt. They accepted the challenge of this existence because it was just that, a challenge. They struggled and they achieved. They had become the a class of VMI men.

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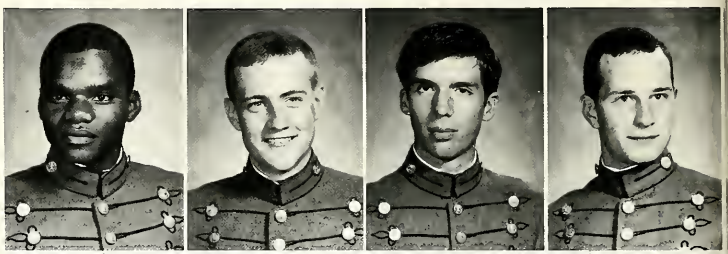

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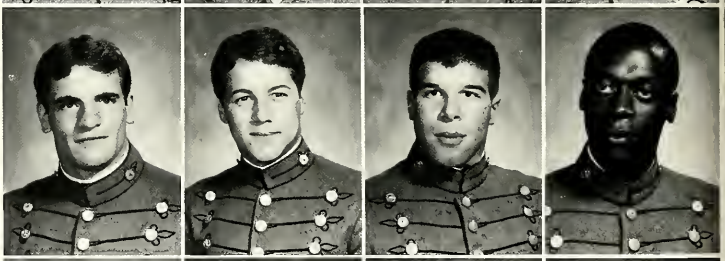

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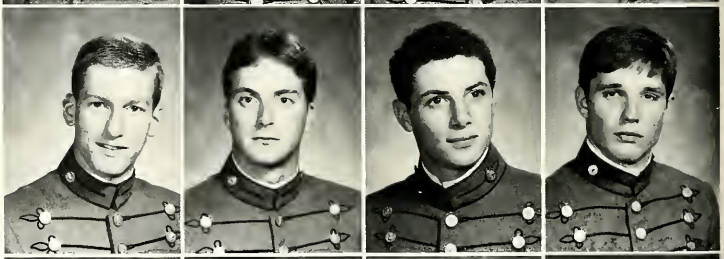

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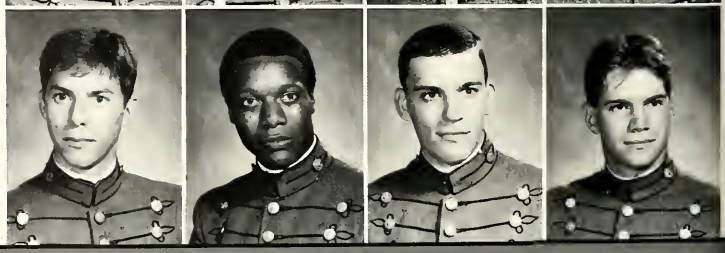

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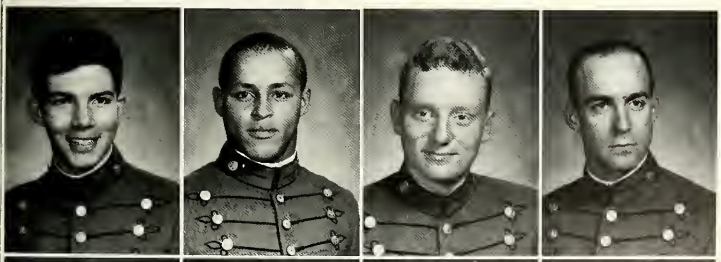

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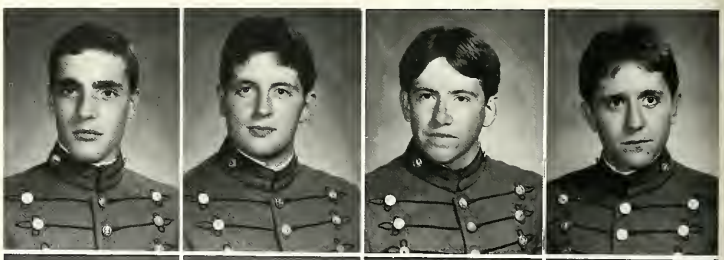

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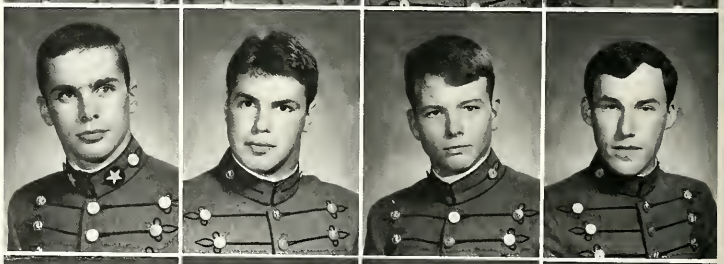

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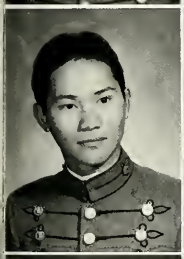

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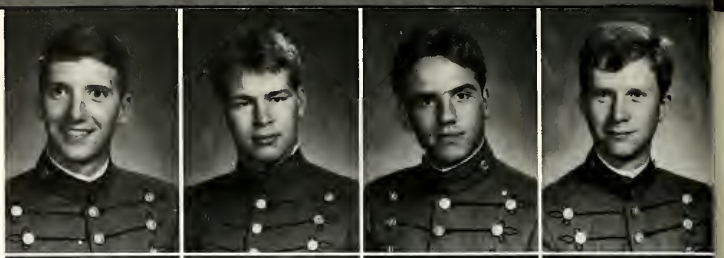

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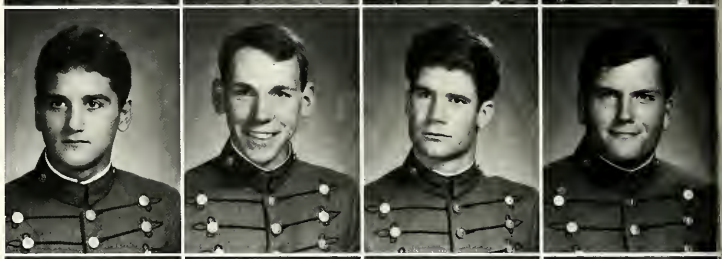

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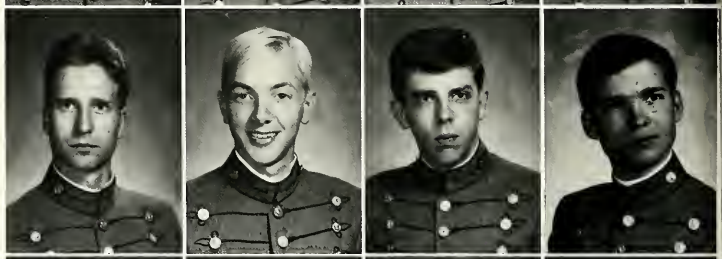

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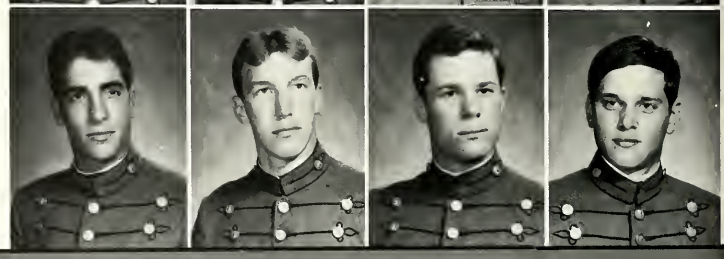

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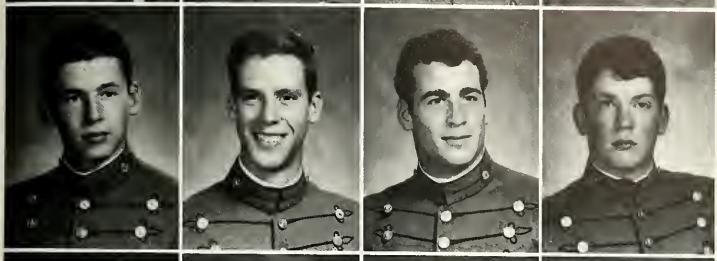

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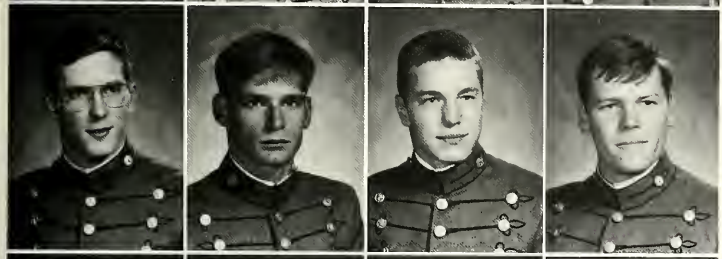

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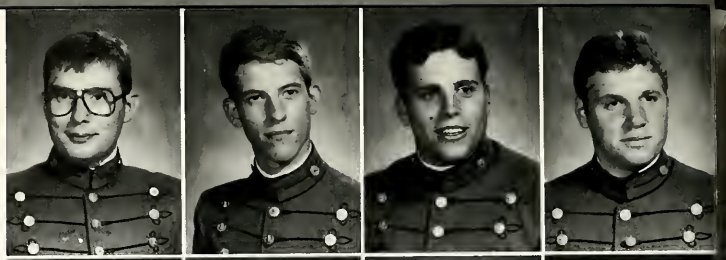

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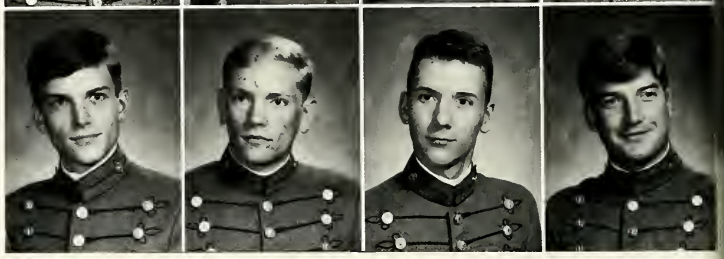

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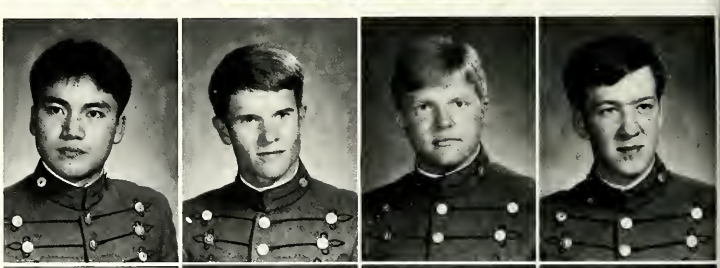

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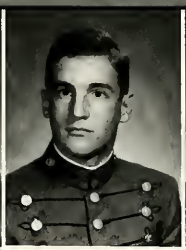
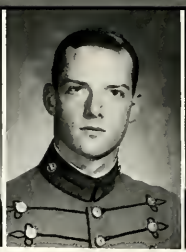

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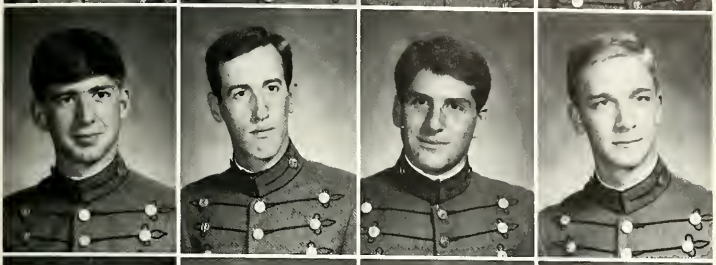

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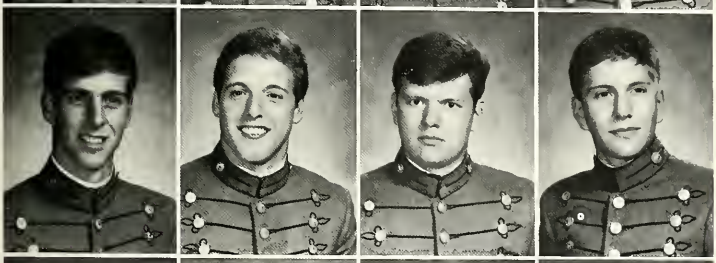

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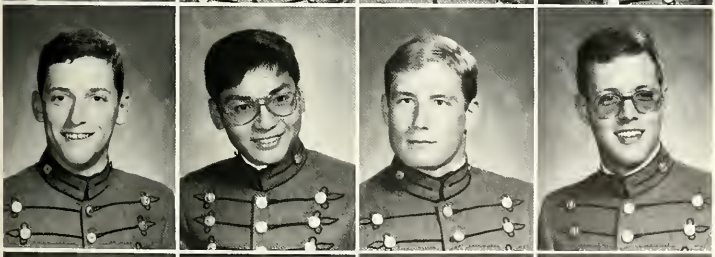

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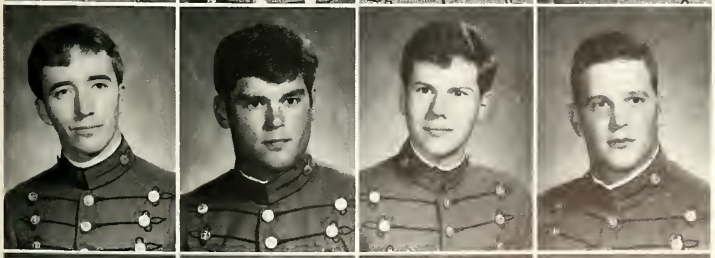

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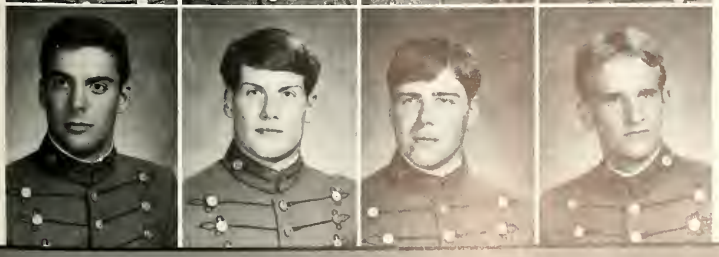

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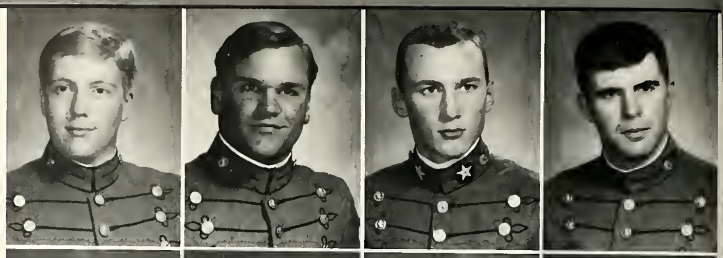

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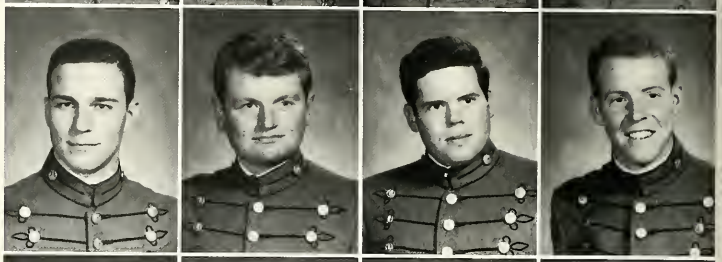

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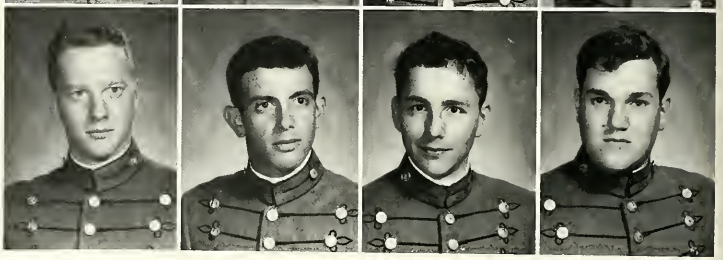

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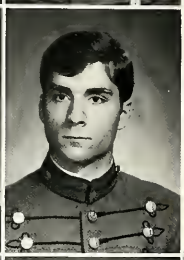

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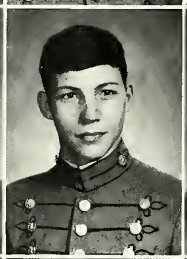

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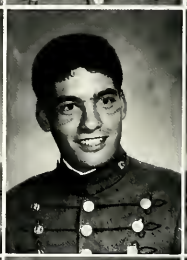

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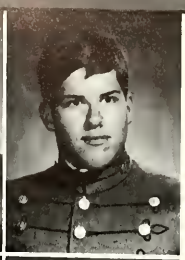

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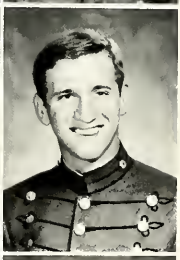

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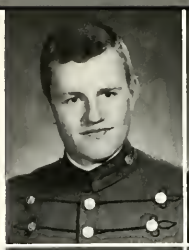

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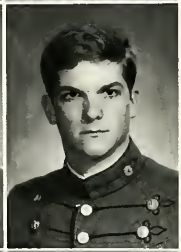

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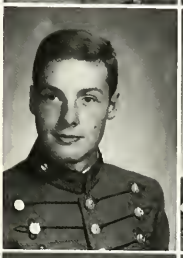

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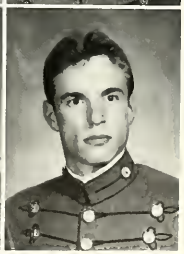

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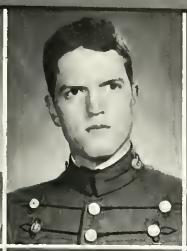

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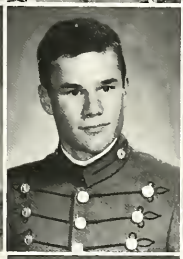

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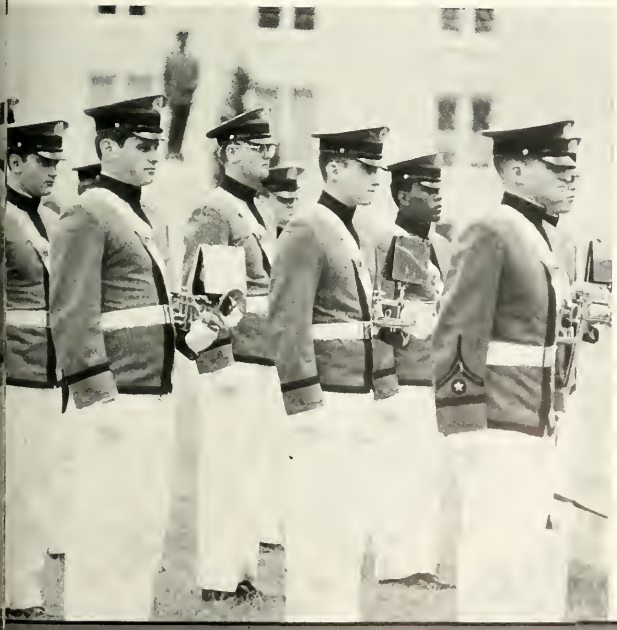

FOURTH CLASS

August 17, 1981 was a hot and sunny day. It will be a day that some four hundred "future cadets" will never forget. We entered Limits Gates with visions of grandeur only to realize that we had to earn the right to be called a class or a cadet. Many left that first day and in the days that followed. Even as Breakout approached, members of our ranks were left by the wayside. We soon realized that VMI was not for everyone, and we often pondered whether the hardships, suffering, pain and frustration were worth being called a cadet and a class. From the day of our matriculation, our dykes, the Class of 1982, tried to mold us into cadets and into a class.

On a rainy day in February exactly six months after our matriculation, we experienced one of the most physically taxing yet mentally fulfilling days of our lives. On February 17, 1982, our dykes had decided we were worthy of being called a class. We were not Rats anymore; we were cadets. WE ARE THE CLASS OF 1985

In our remaining three years we will face many difficulties as individuals and as a class. These hardships will form bonds of friendship that will last forever. We survived as Brother Rats the greatest of these hardships; the Ratline. Wherever our path may lead us the Class of 1985 will always push forward and strive to maintain and uphold the traditions of the Virginia Military Institute.

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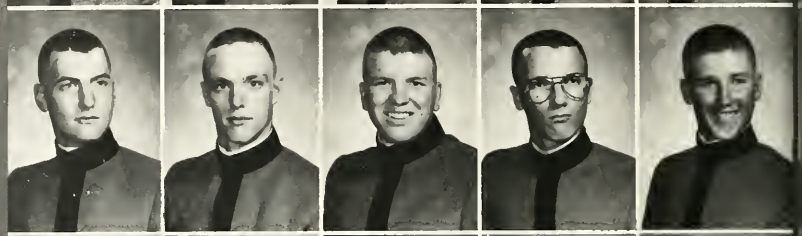

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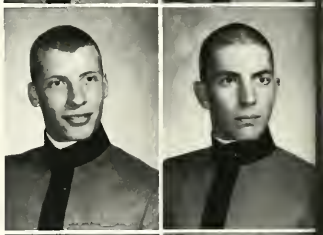

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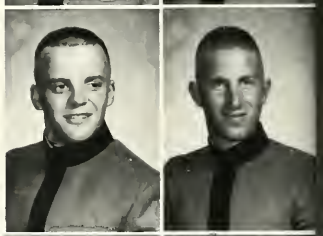

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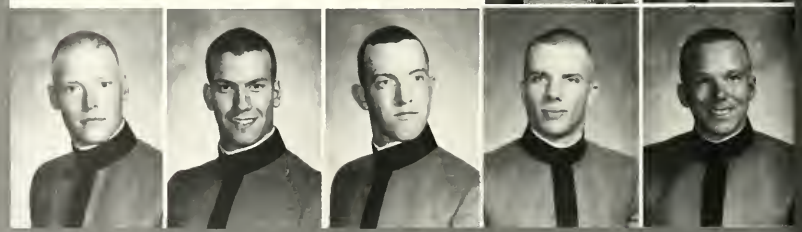

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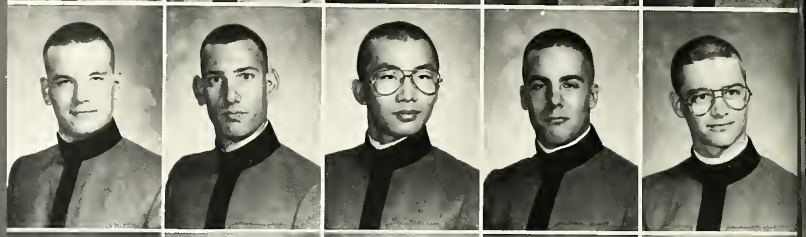

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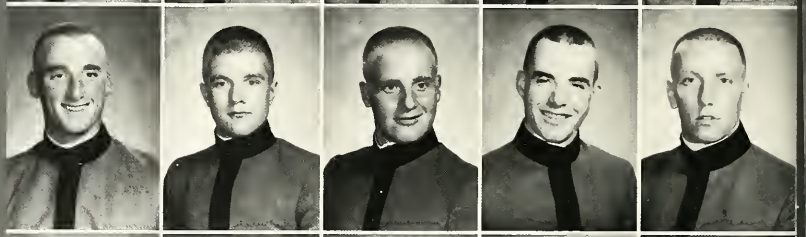

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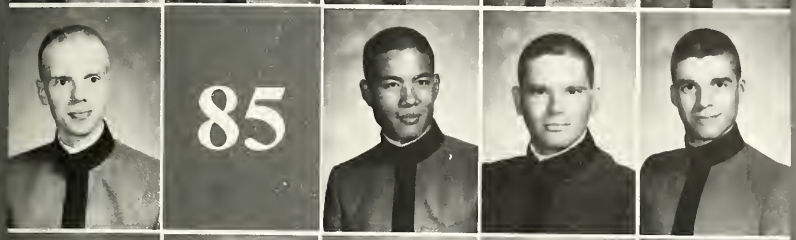

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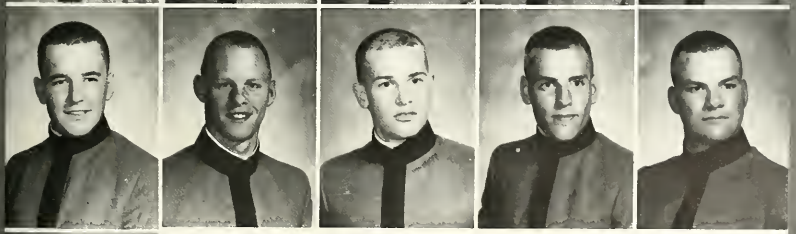

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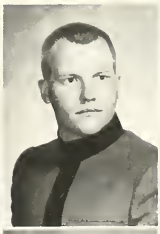

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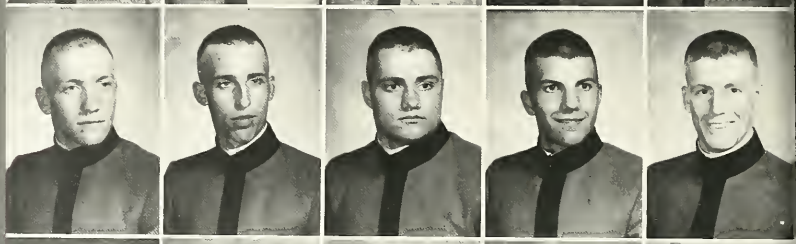

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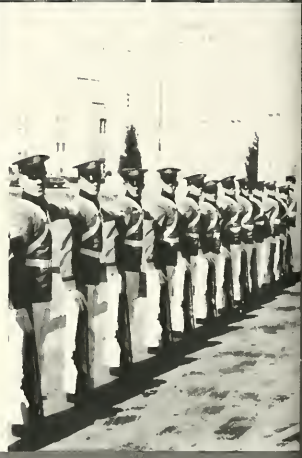

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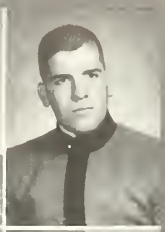

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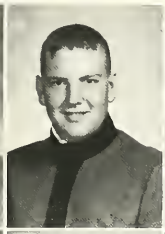

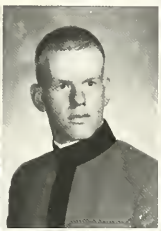

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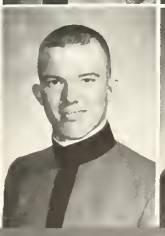

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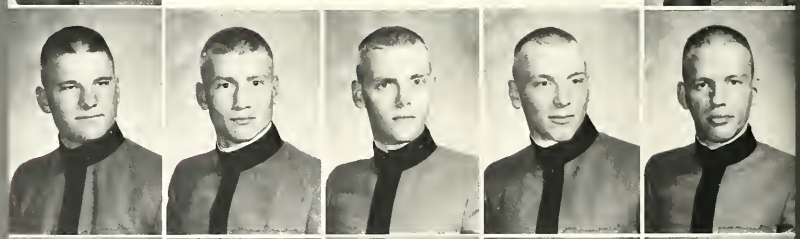

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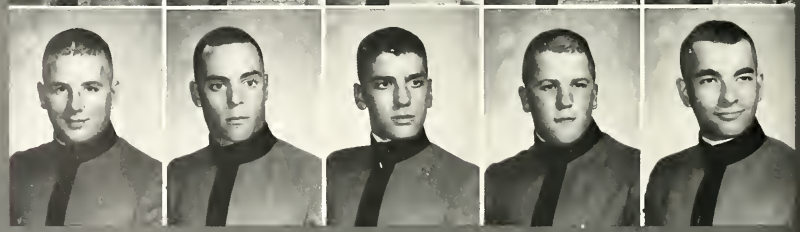

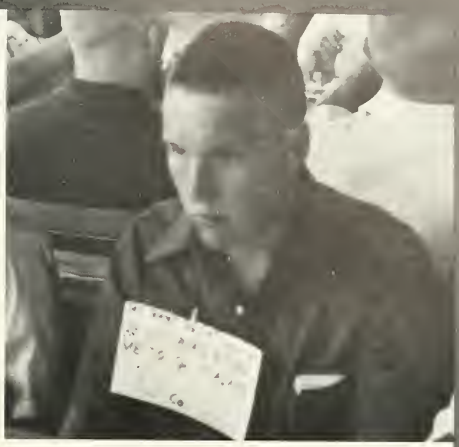

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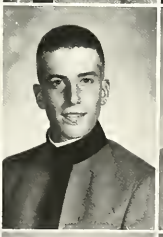

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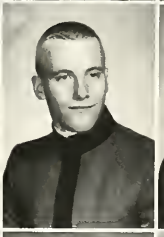
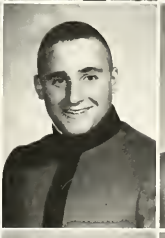

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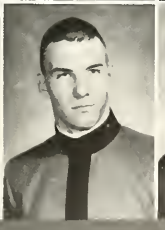
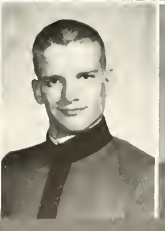

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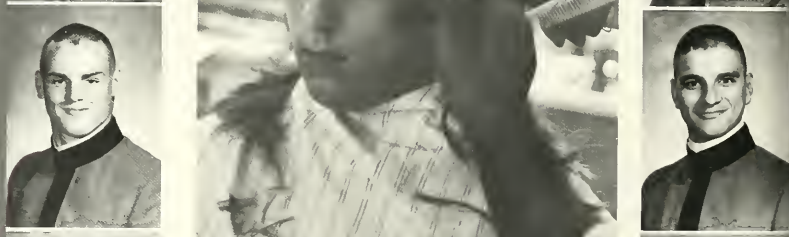

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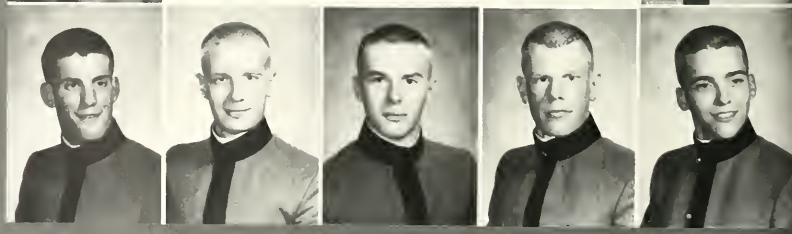

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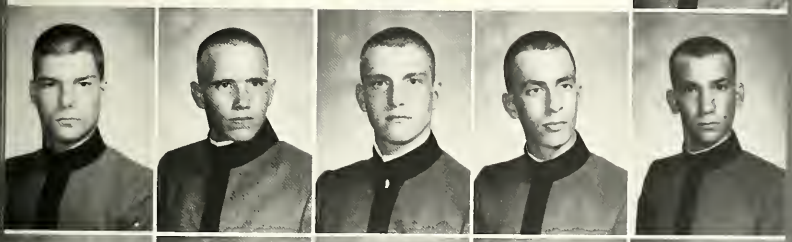

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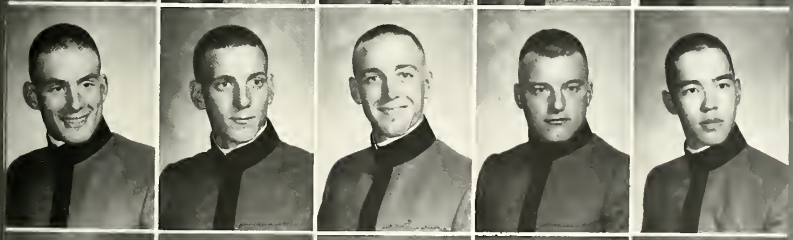

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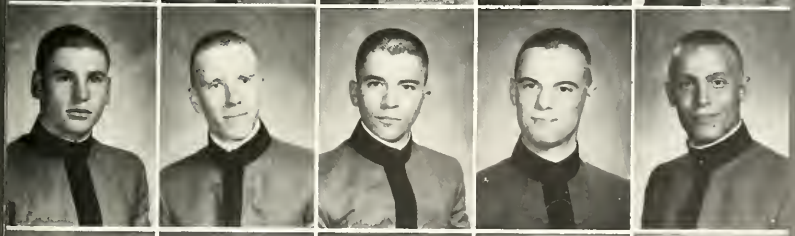

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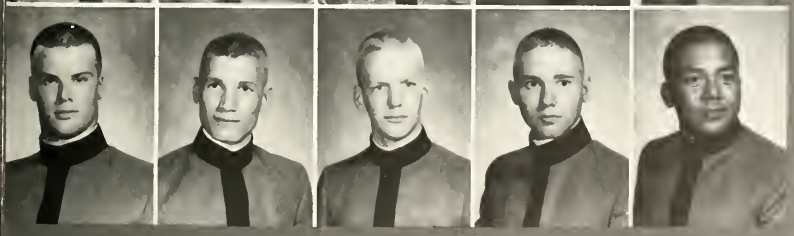

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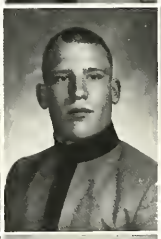

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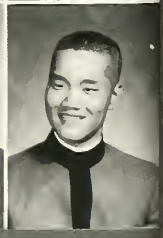

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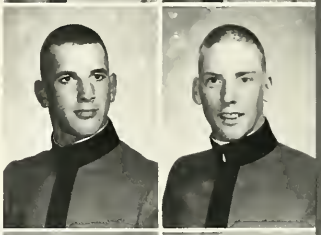

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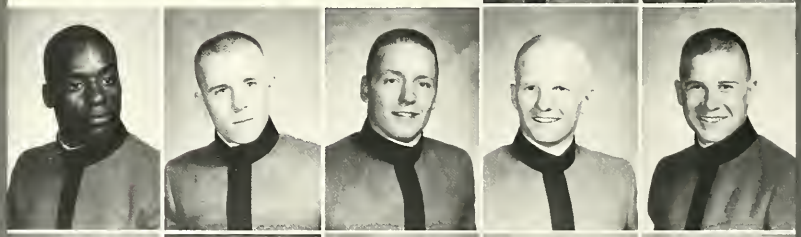

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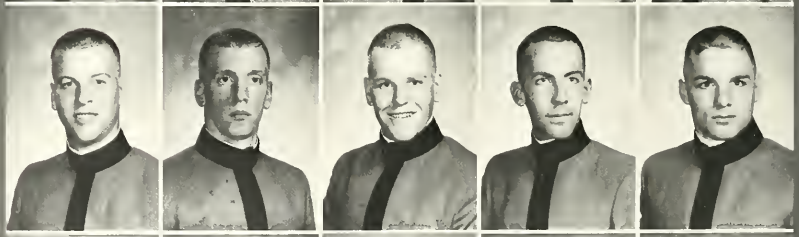

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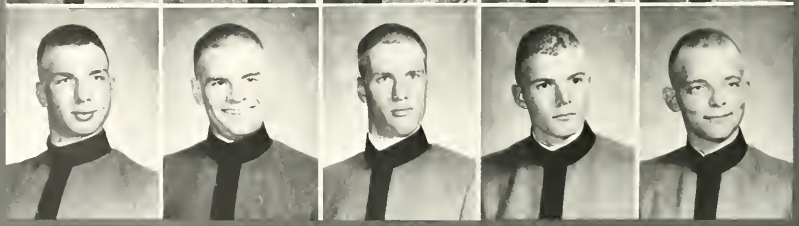

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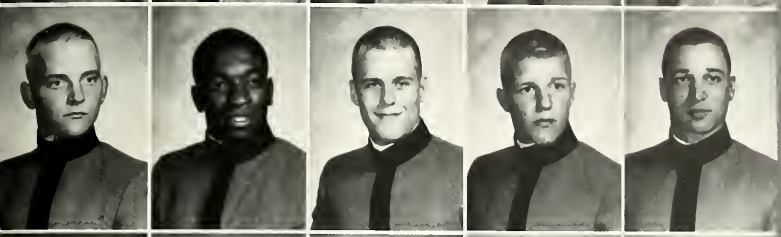

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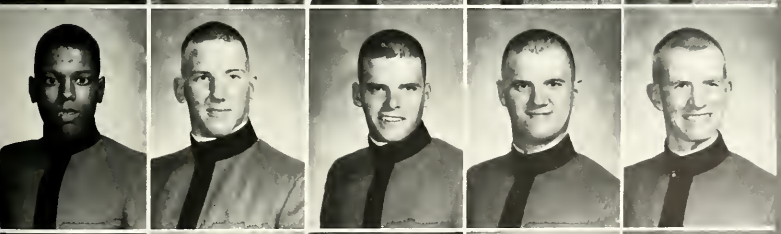

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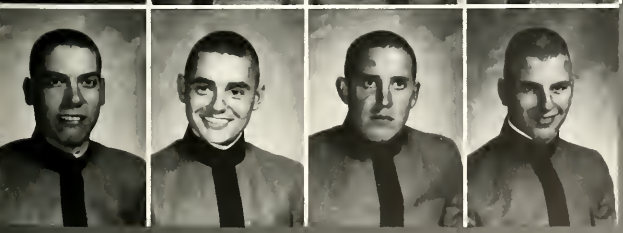

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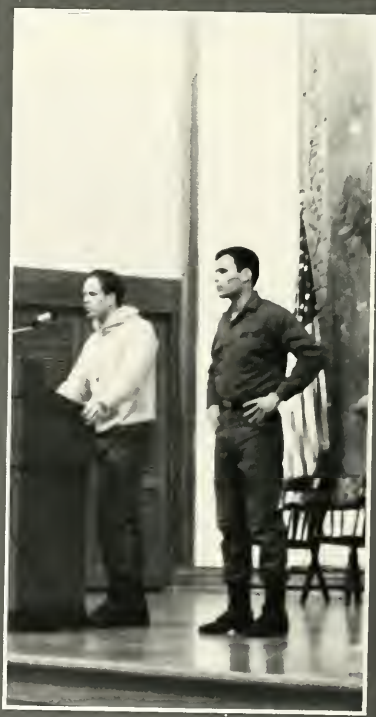

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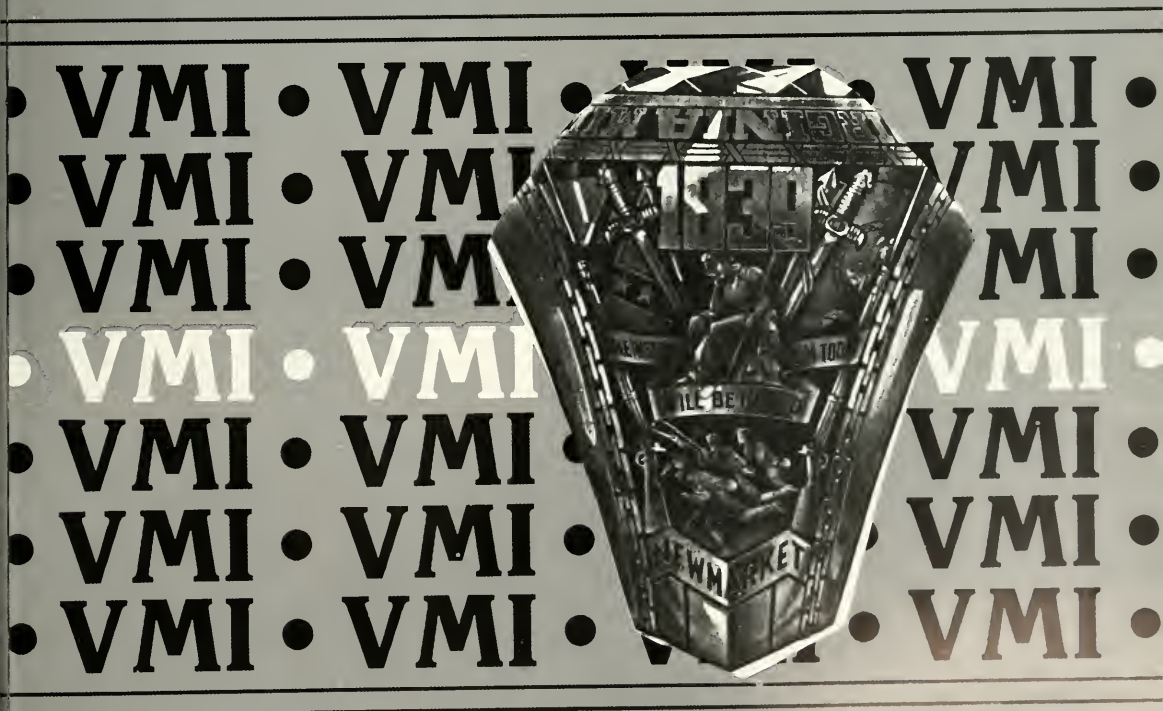
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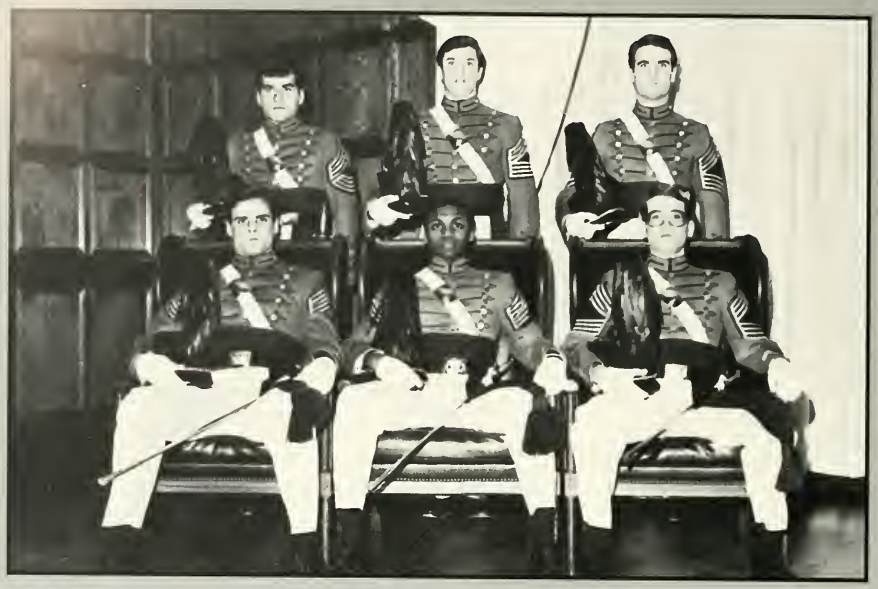

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WHO'S WHO

Twenty-nine senior VMI cadets — 11 from Virginia and 18 from out-of-state — were recently selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 1981-82. Selections were made by a faculty-cadet committee which considered each cadet's academic and extracurricular achievements and overall contributions to VMI.

Virginia cadets in the "Who's Who" group are: John P. Boyd of Doswell; Stephen P. Dobler of Virginia Beach; Mitchell V. Heishman of Woodstock; Robert P. Louthan and Cornelius T. Rogers, both of Richmond; Darren W. McDew of Hampton; Clifford A. Rockwell of Waynesboro; Gray W. Scott of Fredericksburg; Bradley W. Vanderwarker of Roanoke; Byron M. Welsh of Lexington; and Kenneth L. Yates of Rustburg.

Also selected were John B. Bieltz, Youngstown, Ohio; Harry T. Bitzberger of Secane, Pa.; Robert P. Briggs, West Mifflin, Pa.; Charles A. Burrell, Fort Ritchie, Md.; Robert M. Campione, Louisville, Ky.; Mark P. Ciarrocca, Westfield, N.J.; Edward D. Daniel, Boonville, Mo.; Gordon R. Hammock, Halesite, N.Y.; Frank M. Horner, APO New York; Murray F. Hudson and William B. Walker, both of Houston, Tex.; David M. Janac, Taneytown, Md.; Eric J. Karell, Bruxelles, Belgium; Jon K. Mott, Decker Praire, Tex.; Walter M. Sanders, IV, Athens, Ga.; Charles S. Sanger, Knoxville, Tenn.; Robert Shaffer, Smithfield, Pa.; and William S. Warren, Johnstown, Pa.

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Guideon — Scott Barger
First Sgt. — D. E. Ray
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Commander — Eric L. Rolaf
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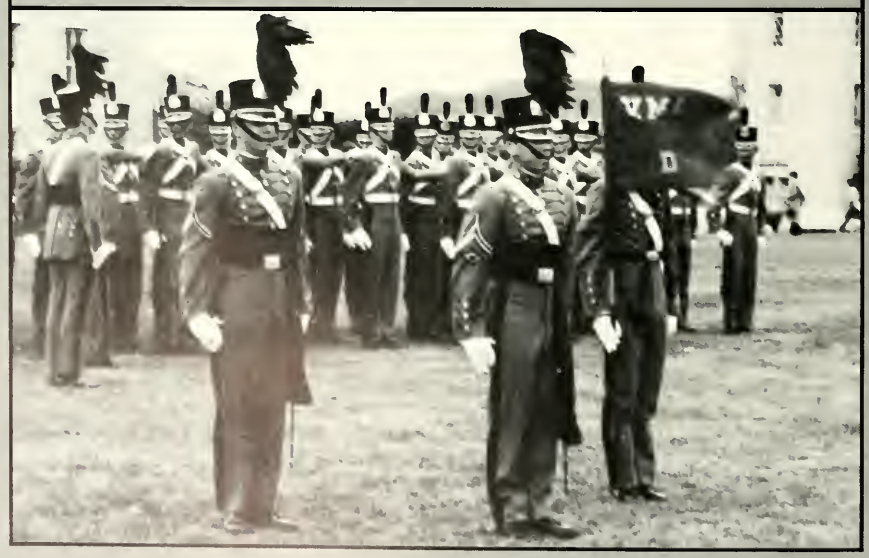

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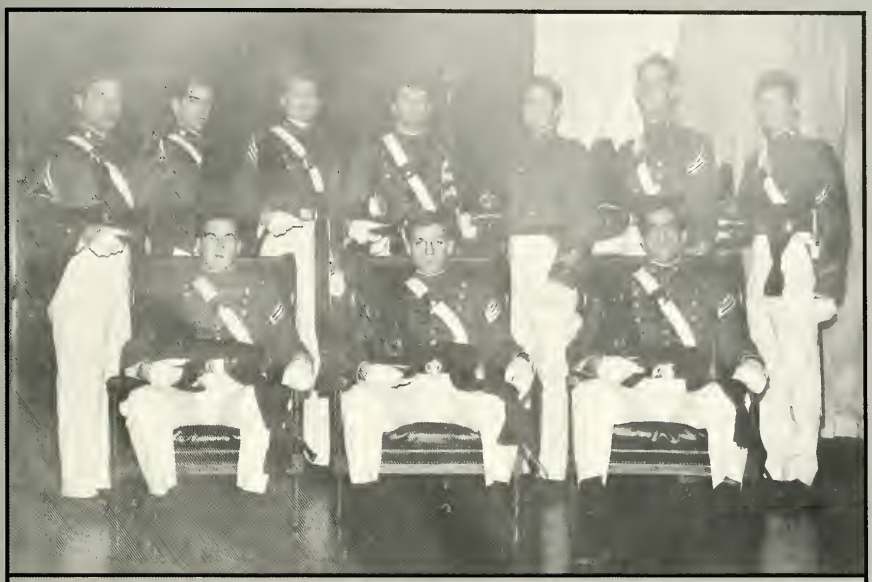

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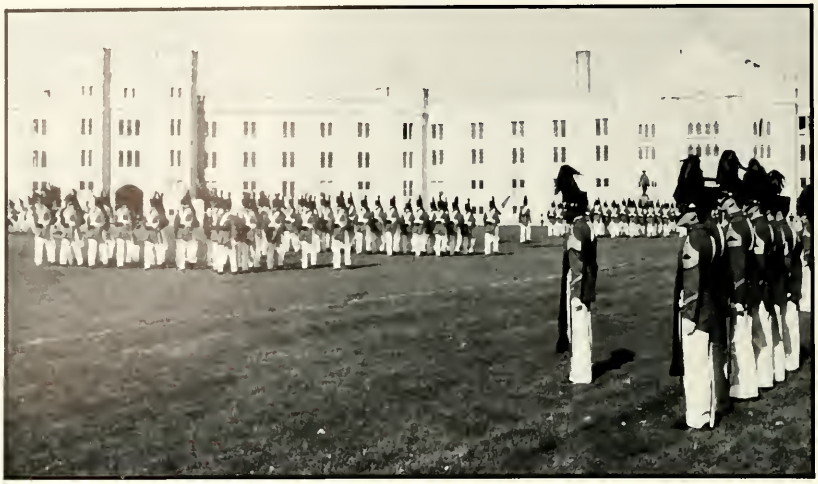

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VMI FOOTBALL
THE THRILL OF VICTORY

VMI 21
WEST CAROLINA 14

VMI WINS OPENER
Lexington — VMI starts the season right with a 21-14 victory over the West Carolina Cats. Senior tailback Floyd Allen led the Keydets with 164 yards rushing. The defense was outstanding as it stopped a last ditch effort by the Cats to tie the game. The long hours of practice and dedication paid off, and the Big Red is ready for a great season.

VMI 14
ARMY 7

ARMY CAUGHT IN VMI AMBUSH

WEST POINT — The VMI-West Point game will go down in VMI history. With Army favored by 13 points, the Keydets just outplayed the Black Knights. Kelly Raber totaled 14 completions on 19 tries. Stan Bass and Anthony Agostinelli came into their own, after an injury sidelined Floyd Allen. VMI gave West Point a touchdown on a fumble at the 20, but Kelly Raber directed a 1:38 drill for 73 yards and a 14-7 lead in the second quarter that stood for the remainder of the game. The defense was outstanding as they manhandled West Point's offensive line, and the defensive backs intercepted 4 passes. Steve Umberger had two interceptions.

VMI 31
W & M 14

RABER AERIALS STOP INDIANS

LEXINGTON — VMI's win over William and Mary gave the Keydets their best start since 1960. The game summary showed tailback Floyd Allen scoring three of four touchdowns, but it was Rabers passing that was opening up almost everything that worked for the Keydets on the ground. Raber completed 12 of 17 passes for 205 yards. Tom Radle caught five balls for 77 yards, and Carl Showalter had an exceptional game with a reception for 13 yards and rushing 58 yards in 5 carries.

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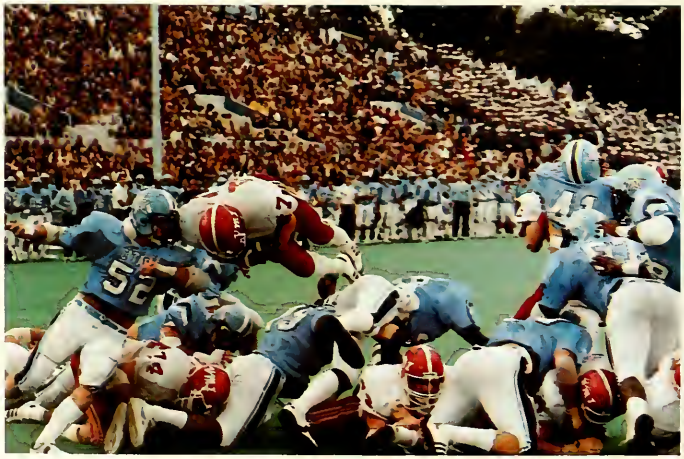
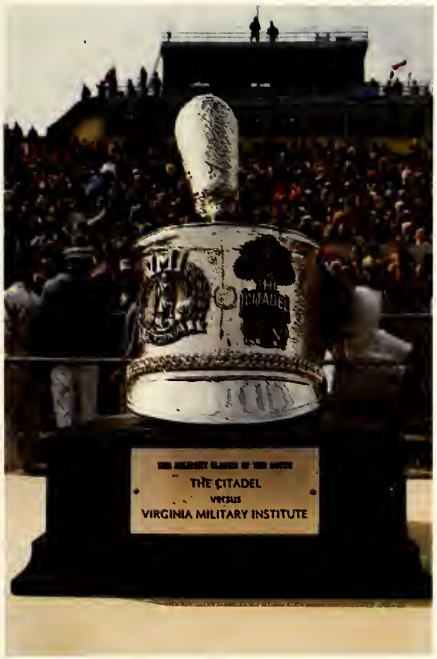
VMI 14
CITADEL 0

BARRY SMITH AND CO. DESTROY DAWGS

Norfolk — The day belonged to the VMI defense. VMI defensive end Barry Smith and his teammates put together a brilliant effort to shut out the Citadel 14-0 before a crowd of 20,000 in Norfolk. Barry Smith, voted by the sports writers Outstanding Player, was credited with 6 tackles (4 for a loss) two of which were quarterback sacks. Bill Corn intercepted a Citadel pass and raced down the left sideline 41 yards to the Citadel 6. Klye Weidlich stopped the Citadel on a 4th and 1 by throwing Miller for a 3 yard loss. With this type of play the offense had only to score. This they did twice behind Kelly Raber, and Floyd Allen.

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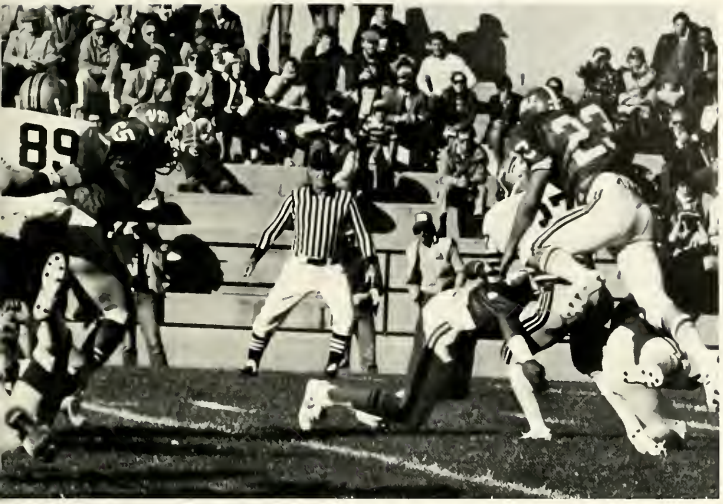
UNDEFEATED BUT TIED
Boone — VMI and Appalachian State battled up to the last second to a 14-14 tie. VMI's first score was a Raber fumble into the hands of Lasek. Floyd Allen fought his way into the end zone to tie the score. With only seconds left on the clock VMI's hope of victory faded away as a pass into the end zone was knocked out of the intended receiver's hands.

VMI 20 MARSH. 16

WHAT A COMEBACK!
HUNTINGTON — The VMI-Marshall game was enough to give every Keydet heart failure. Down 16-0 at the half, the Big Red showed they were a class team by playing outstanding catch up ball to bring home a 20-16 victory. Floyd Allen gained over 170 yards and devastated the Thundering Herd's defense. The VMI pass defense, led by Mike Eden, preserved the victory by stopping a last ditch effort by the Herd in the closing seconds of the game.



VMI 14
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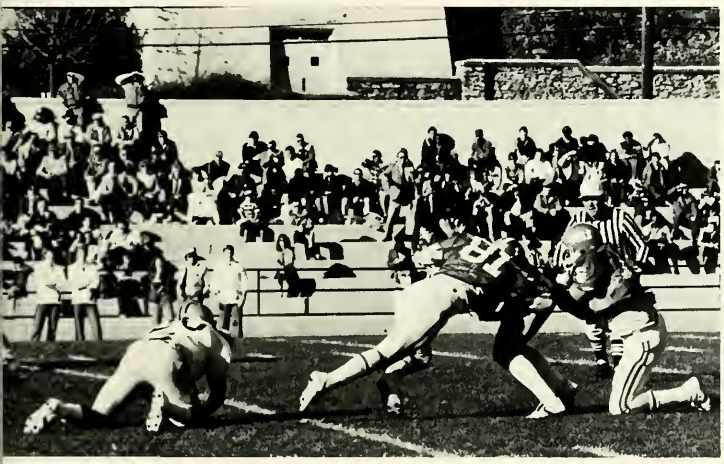
Lexington: We met a tough and well rested Richmond team who took advantage of 3 lost fumbles, 3 interceptions and several other key mistakes. The wheels simply came off in a 45-10 loss.



VMI 10
UVA 13

Charlottesville: Virginia's Cavaliers won a close 13-10 game. Raber moved the team well with passes to Gottwald and Radle, and the running of Agostinelli and Allen. In the 4th quarter Virginia got a 20 yard field goal and their defense held for a close win.

VMI 21
FURMAN 33

Lexington: Furman beat us at home in a hard fought game. Furman's offense looked good and they took a 20-14 lead into halftime. Raber passed to Radle for one touchdown and to Agostinelli for another. Floyd Allen scored in the 3rd quarter and we led briefly, 21-20. Furman's balanced attack provided the 33-21 win in the 4th quarter.

VMI 6
VPI 0

Blacksburg: VMI's never say die Keydets derailed Virginia Tech's bowl-bound Gobbler Express 6-0 before an unbelieving, half frozen crowd in Blacksburg on November 21, 1981. The game was also viewed by a startled regional television audience. Melvin Rucker's outstanding defensive play, Jim Rice's recovery of two VPI fumbles, Steve Umberger's outstanding interception, and the outstanding play of John Dodge, Stan Bass, and Sandy Sanders made victory inevitable.

VMI SOCCER

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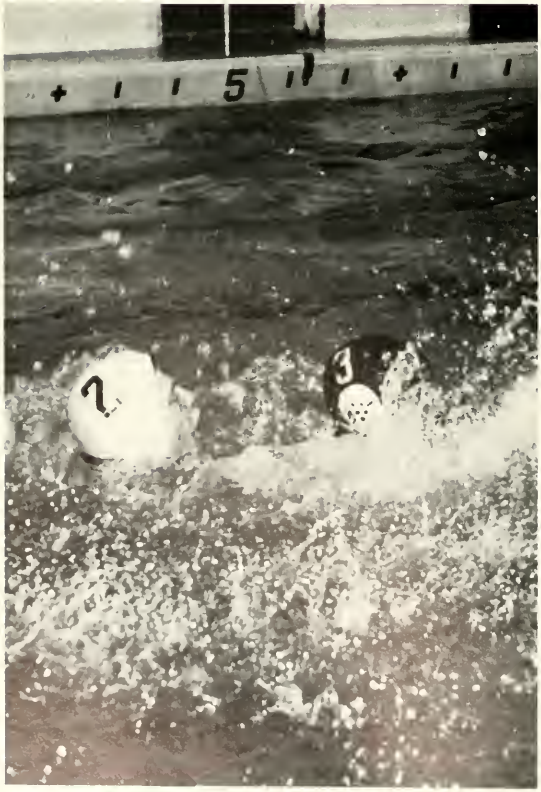

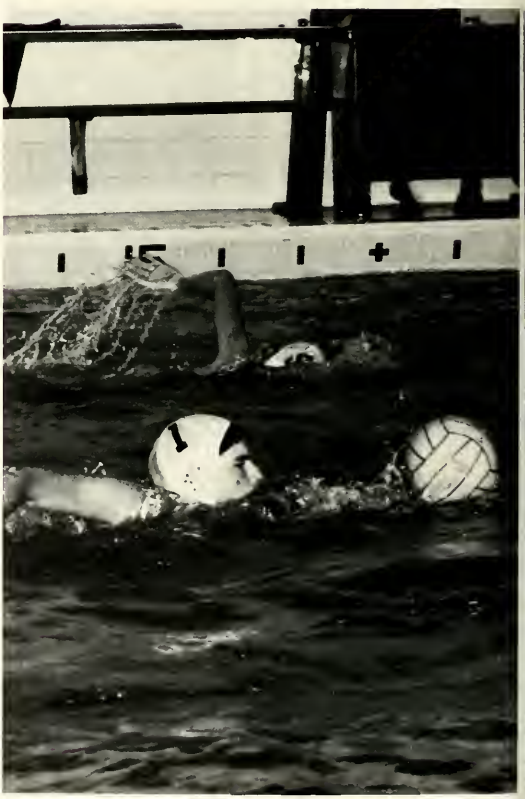

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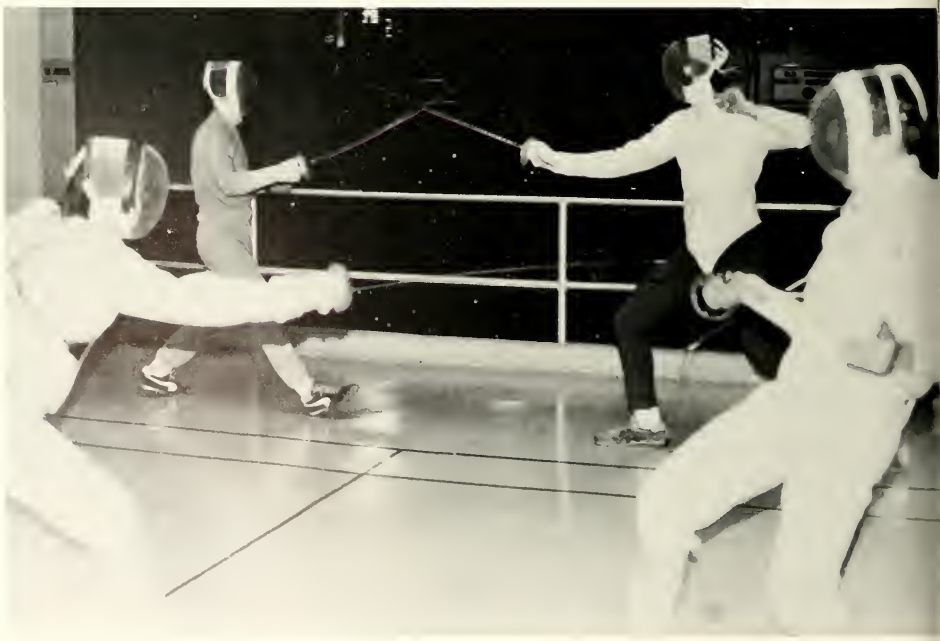
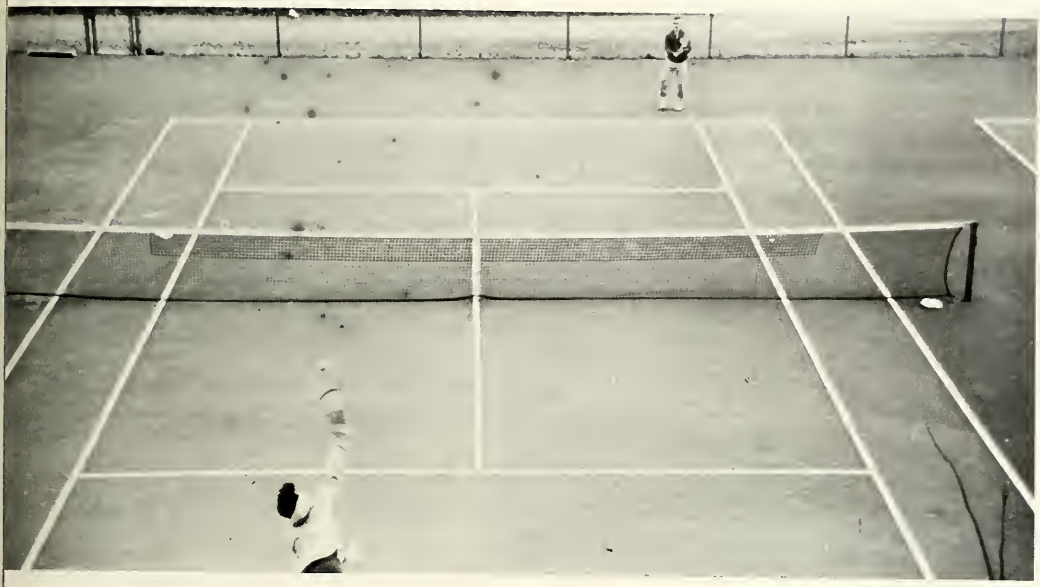


VMI GOLF

VMI TENNIS



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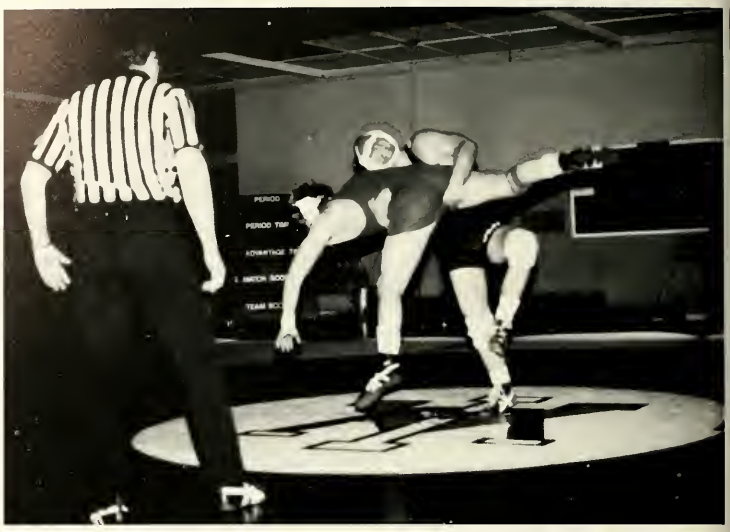

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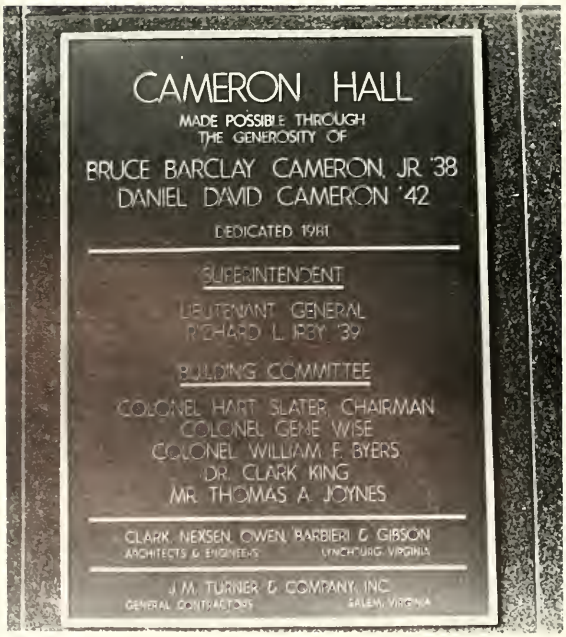

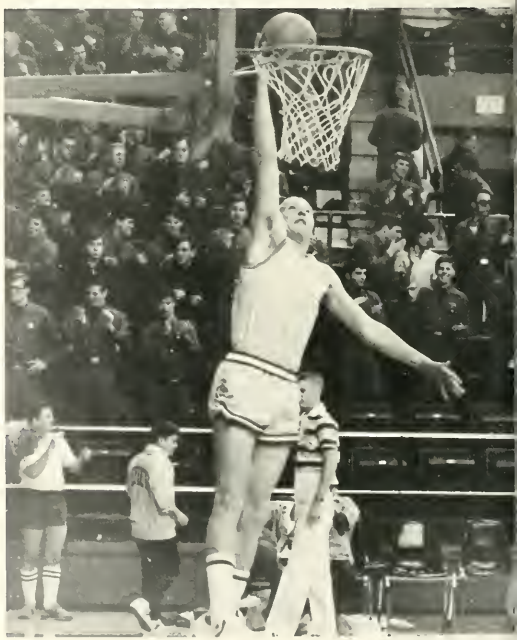

Basketball: Roundup

This year's basketball team did not have one of its better years. With a lot of inexperience and the toughest schedule in years the opposition proved to be too much for VMI. After a season like this there are many lessons to be learned, and many debts to be repaid next year. VMI basketball will be back, and next year there will be 5 experienced thirdclassmen instead of five "Rats", and a seasonal blend of upperclassmen that will complement each other well. With the support of the Corps and a few more wins early, that will give us the needed lift to reach the level of competitiveness that we must attain to be a consistent winner.

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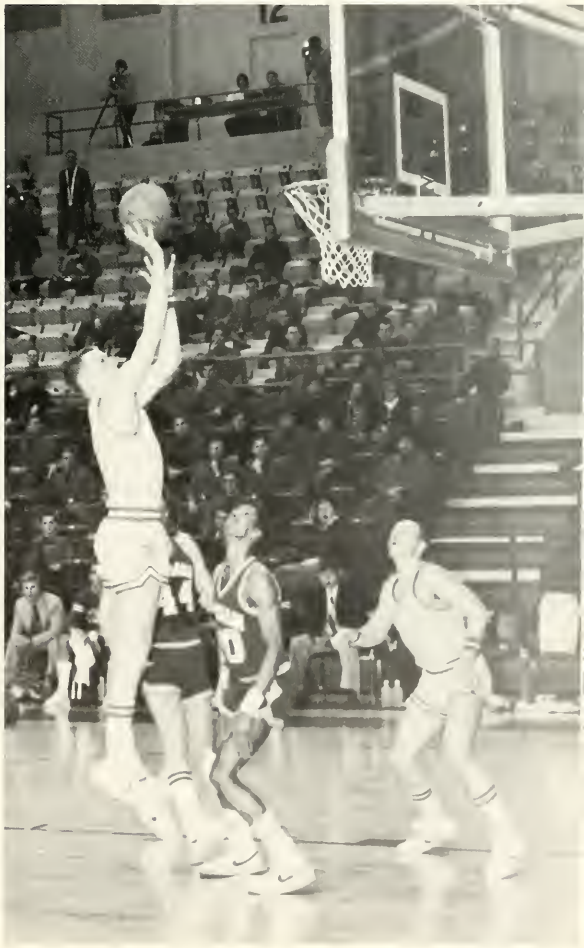

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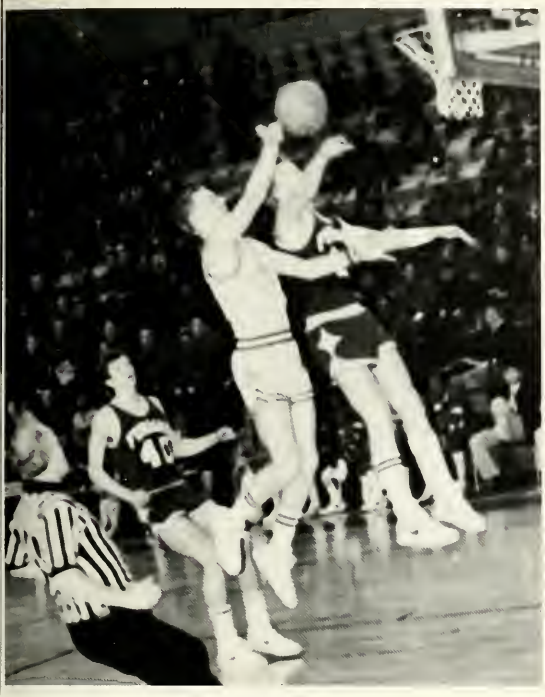

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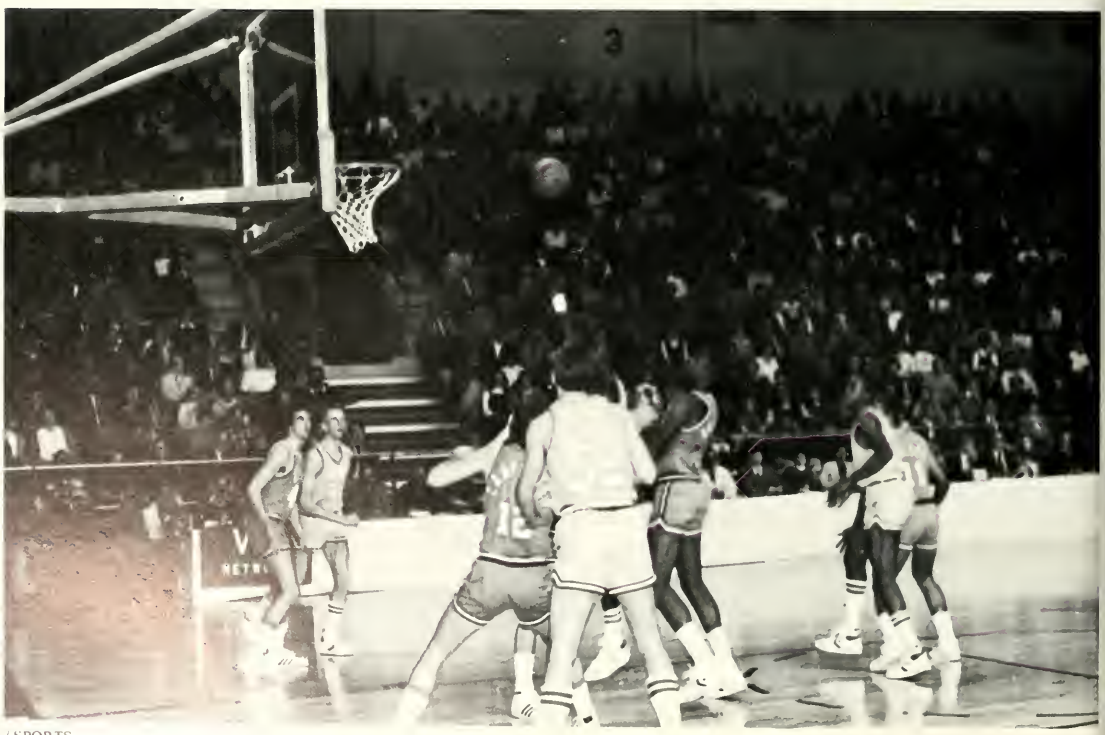

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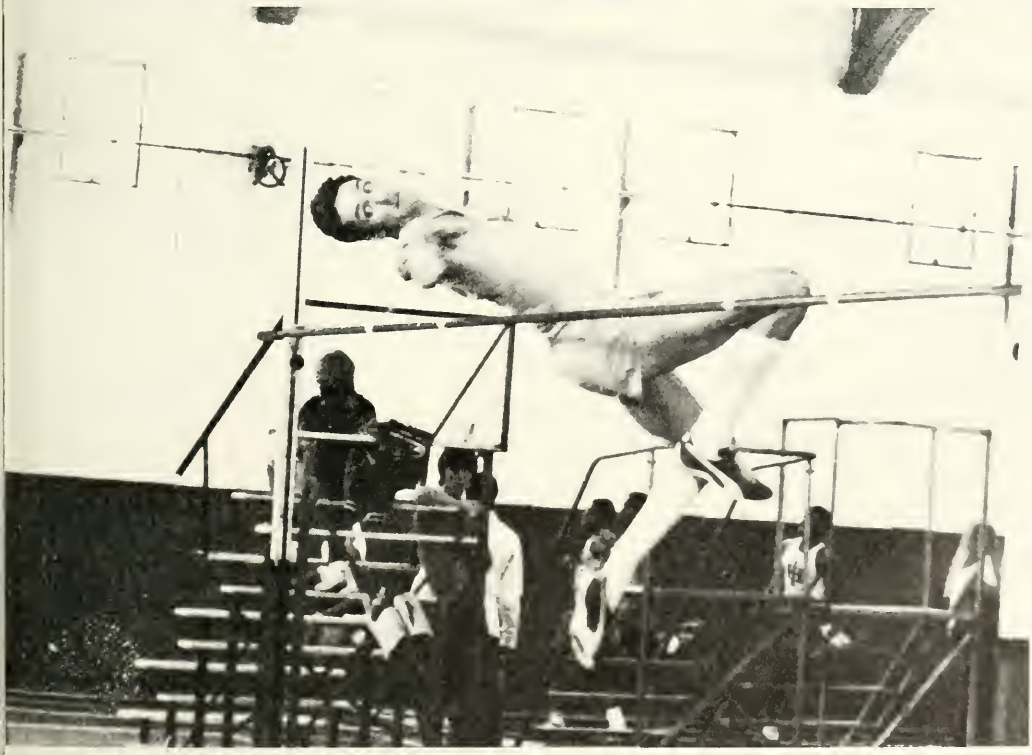

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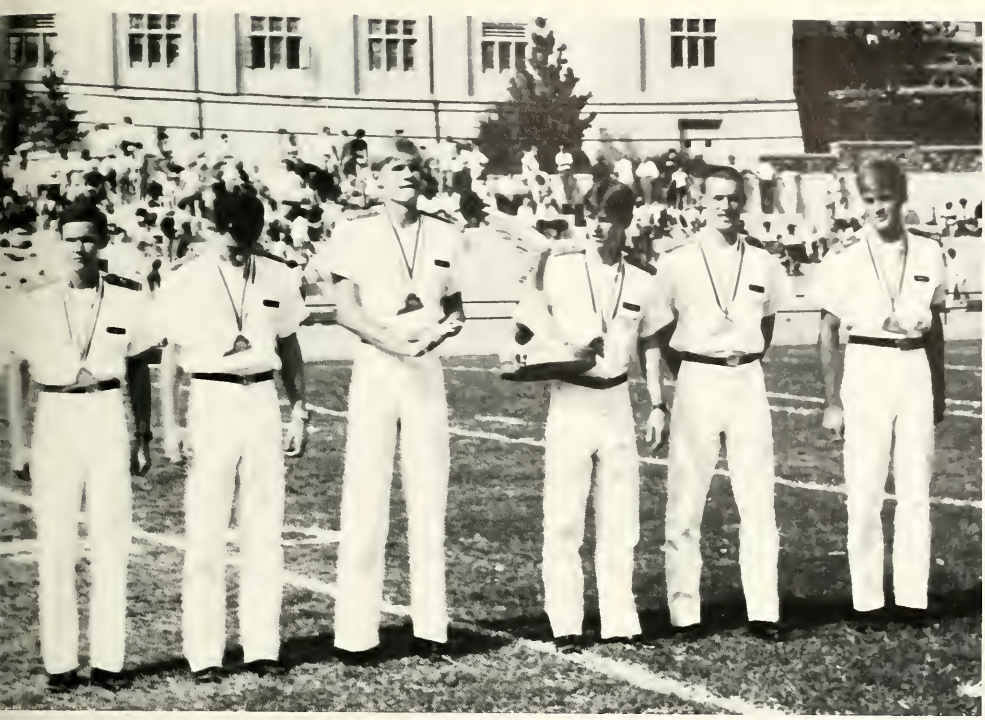

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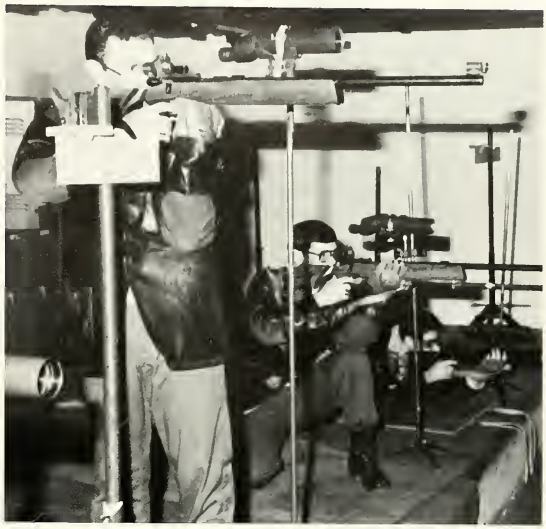
VMI RIFLE TEAM

The VMI Varsity Rifle Team has had a winning 1981-1982 season, placing third in the Southern Conference, and expects to continue next season with a National Competition berth. The team will only be losing one shooter at the end of this season. Team Captain Kevin Smith, who is confident that the team will compete even harder next season with other Southern Conference teams, has helped to lead this team's assault with the excellent coaching by MSgt. Jim Thorp.



VMI INTRAMURALS

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Attention in barracks, Mil Duty for today will be intramurals. Mil Duty will form at 1615.

. . . run for your life, swim for your life, rat training, street hockey, flag football, volleyball, basketball, handball, raquetball, weightlifting, the infamous PE 300, and permits by the dozens . . .

What better way is there to spend your Tuesday and Thursday afternoons?

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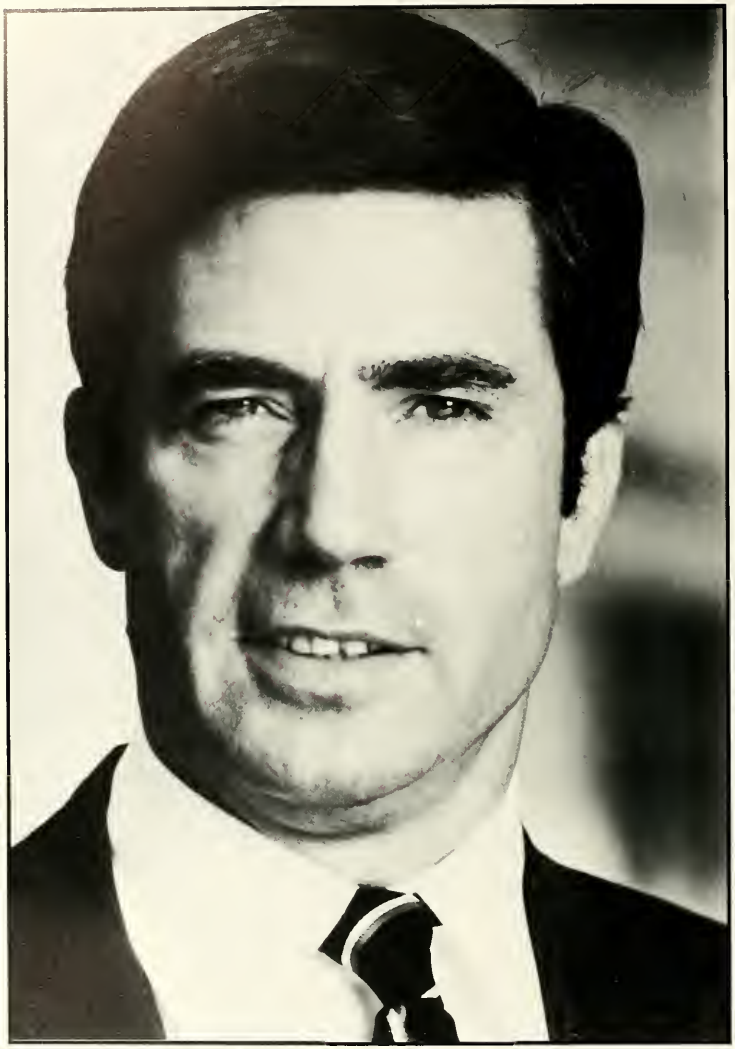

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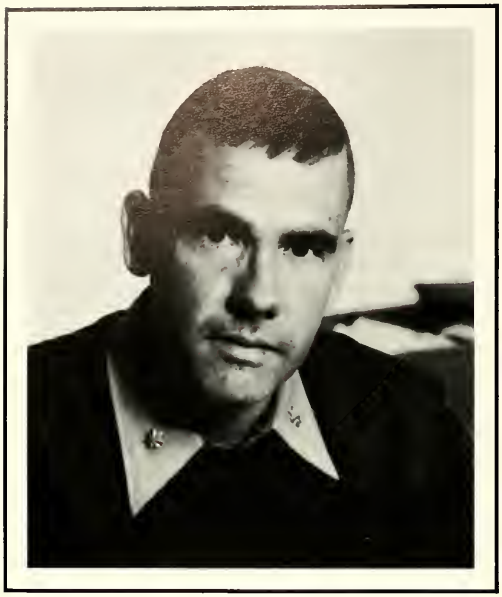

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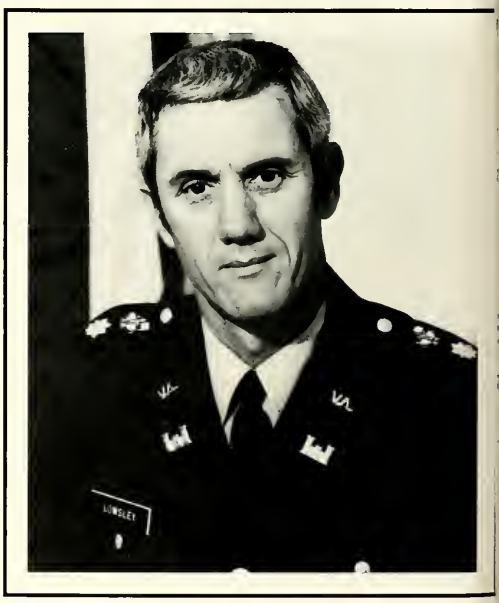

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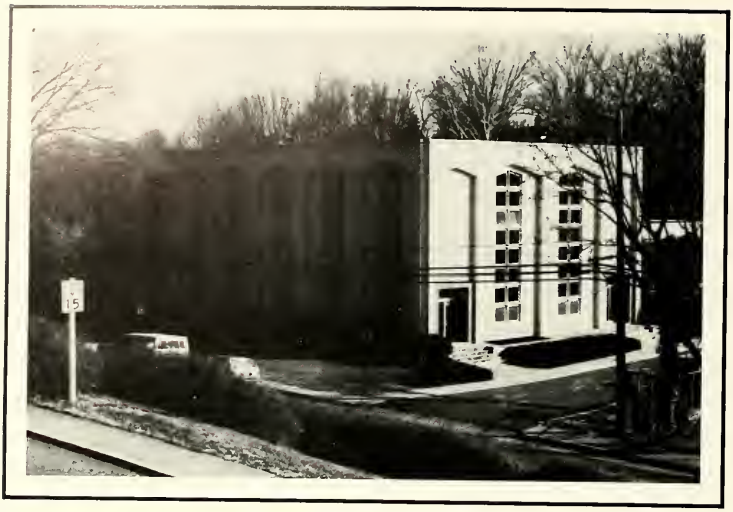

Kilbourne Hall, constructed in 1967, provides office and instructional facilities for the Air Force, Army, and Navy ROTC units at VMI.

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Professor of Aerospace Science
Col. Anderson

NAVY/MARINE SCIENCE

Professor of Naval Sciences
Col. Gardner

SCOTT SHIPP HALL

Scott Shipp Hall, named for VMI's second superintendent, houses the offices and classrooms for Economics, English, History, Modern Languages, Philosophy, and Psychology. The structure was first completed in 1919 and was completely remodeled and enlarged in 1955.

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Seated: Col. Clayborne, Dr. Chang, Dr. Eddie (Visiting Professor).
Standing: Capt. Spear, Maj. Hutchinson, Lt. Col. Duncan, Maj. Fraley, Lt. Col. Doley.

Department Head
Dr. Chang

ENGLISH

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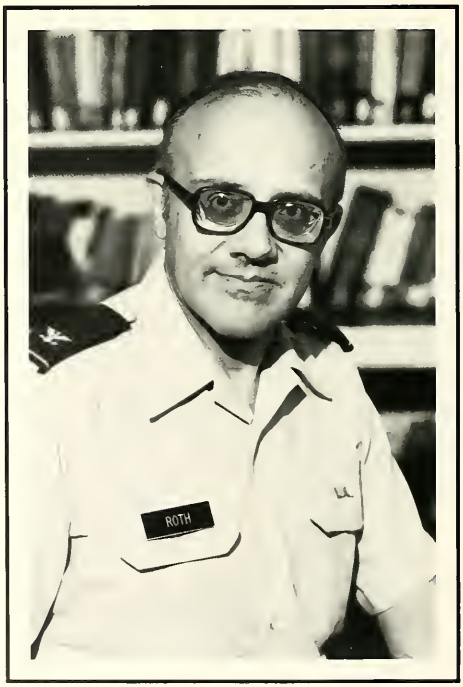

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Colonel Roth

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Department Head
Colonel Bausum

MODERN LANGUAGES

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Department Head
Col. Monsour

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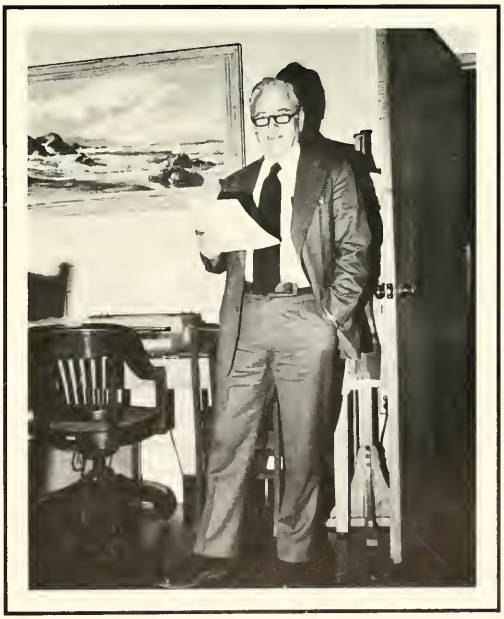

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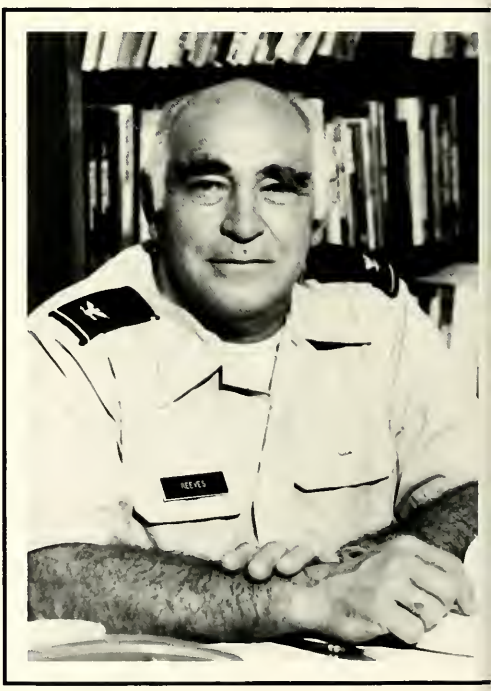

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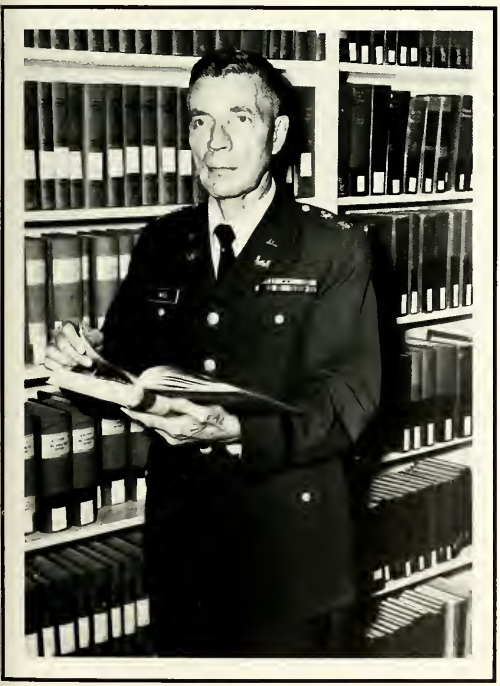


Department Head
Col. Wise

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

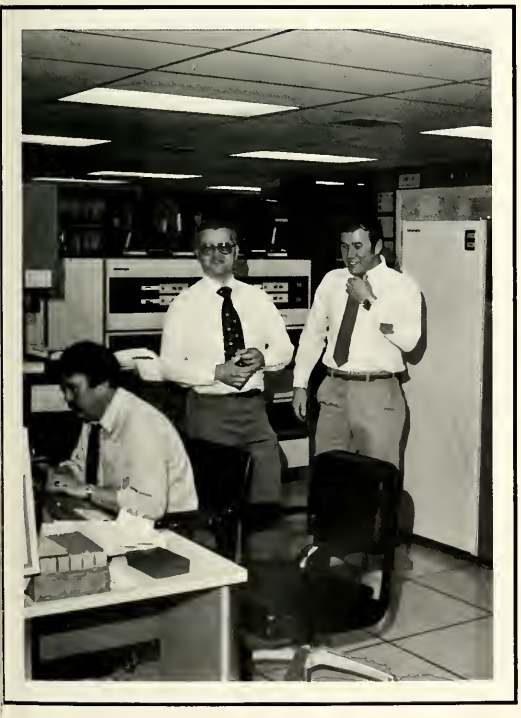
Cocke Hall is named after VMI's fourth superindendent. It provides the main gymnasium and gym areas. The gym floor is used for formal dances.

Seated: Coach Virgets, Dr. King.
Standing: Mrs. Swink, Coach Coale, Dr. Joyce.

Dr. King

COMPUTER CENTER

Nichols Engineering Hall, built in 1931 and named for the third superintendent, houses all of the engineering courses as well as the computer center.



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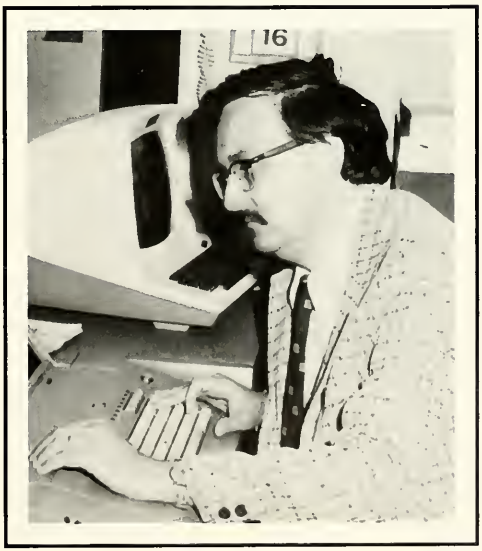

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Col. Knapp

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Dept. Head
Electrical Engineering

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Col. Taylor, Mr. Clark, Lt. Hodges, Col. Trandel

Col. Trandel
Dept. Head
Mechanical Engineering

MATH

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Department Head
Col. Bolen

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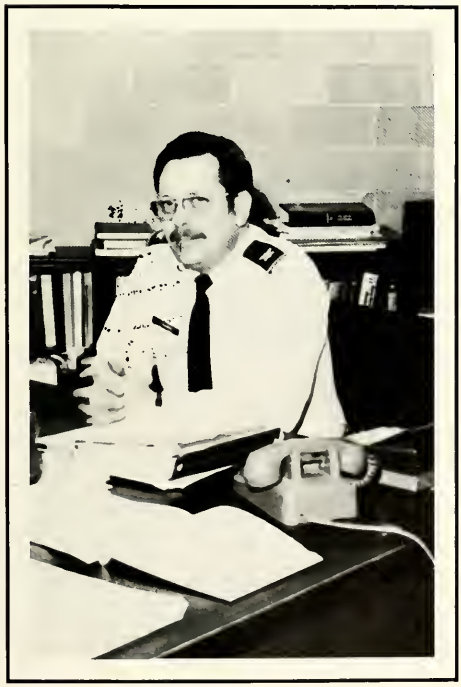

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JACKSON MEMORIAL HALL

Dedicated in 1915 to Stonewall Jackson, Jackson Memorial Hall houses the cadet Chapel. Twenty-six flags hang from the balcony representing the states in the union at the time of the foundation of VMI.

Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets

Chaplain Caudill

Moody Hall, a gift from Mrs. Mary Moody Northen honors her father William L. Moody from the class of 1886. The building contains entertainment facilities for alumni as well as overnight accommodations.

MOODY HALL

Seated

PRESTON LIBRARY

Preston Library, named for Col. J.T.L. Preston the lawyer credited with founding VMI. The library is an open shelf collection that is used by both cadets and civilians.

Head Librarian
Lt. Col. Gaines

MARSHALL LIBRARY

Marshall Library is a research library in memorial to General George C. Marshall, World War I Chief of Staff, and Secretary of War. General Marshsall was a graduate of the class of 1901. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953 for his Marshall Plan for European recovery. The library houses General Marshall's personal possessions, decorations and historical documents. The library serves as a research center for world scholars.

CADET AFFAIRS

Lejeune Hall, or the cadet activities building, is named after VMI's fifth superintendent. The building includes TV rooms, game rooms, the cadet canteen and more.

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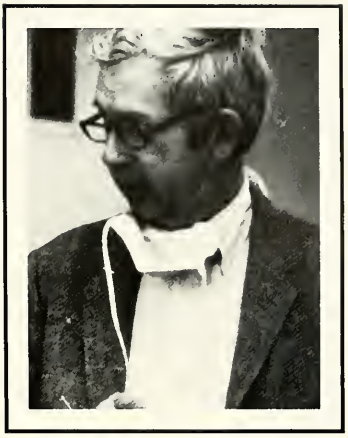
VMI HOSPITAL



Dr. William Old
Post Physician

Bill the Bugler

POST POLICE
Left to Right: T. Wimmer, C. Conner, C. Burch, R. Sours, J. O'Connor.

SMITH HALL

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Treasurers' Office

SMITH STATUE

Standing in front of Smith Hall and facing barracks is a bronze statue of the first superintendent, Major General Thomas H. Smith. It was he who guided the Institute through its first fifty years. General Smith was instrumental in establishing the policies and traditions of VMI and was responsible for the rebirth of the school after it was burned by Union forces during the Civil War.

For all that he did, the Class of 1982 salutes Gen. Smith for his unselfish dedication to the institute.

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NECESSITIES

SOCIAL LIFE AT VMI
IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE IT

HOMECOMING

MISS MARY CLAIRE KOHLER

B Company

Miss Kohler of Cherry Hill, New Jersey is a Business Administration major at Taylor Business Institute. Claire's favorite activities include dancing and swimming.

MISS MICHELLE AMORY

D Company

Miss Amory is a sophomore at Churchland High School in Ports, Virginia. Her favorite activities include surfing, sunbathing, swimming, sailing and dancing.

MISS TAMMY EGER

C Company

Miss Eger of Dix Hills, New York is currently employed as a model with Vogue studios. Tammy enjoys swimming, sunbathing and horseback riding.

COURT — 1981

MISS SHEILA JEAN LONG

F Company

Miss Long, a resident of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, is a junior at Roanoke College. Sheila is a Business Administration and Foreign Relations major who enjoys swimming, horseback riding and drama.

MISS GISELE MONICE BOWSER

E Company

Miss Bowser of Newcumberland, Pennsylvania is a communications major at the University of Delaware. Miss Bowser enjoys tennis.

MISS ALLYSON FORD GEIS

Bd Company

Miss Geis is a senior at Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston Salem, North Carolina. She plans to attend the University of Virginia and major in architecture. Allyson is President of the student body and also enjoys tennis.

The social events held at VMI are few and far between. There are five annual hops and a homecoming dance, all looked forward to with great anticipation. The laughter and smiles are everywhere on these weekends, but they quickly fade as the sound of taps echos through barracks signifying the end of another weekend.

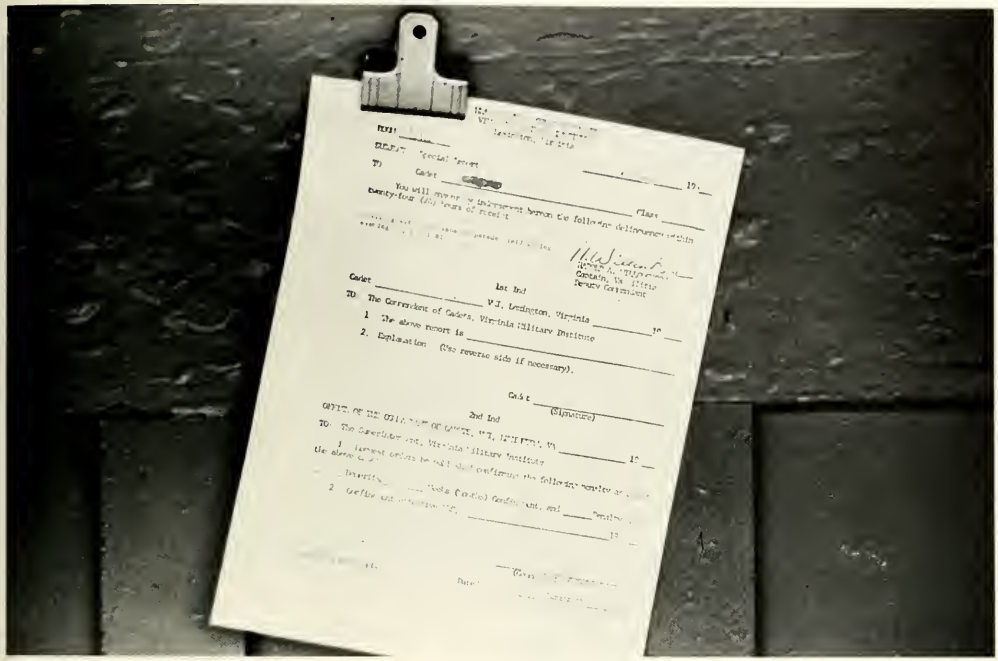
MISS JILL STUBLEN BARNES

Miss Barnes of Portsmouth, Virginia is a freshman at Southern Seminary Junior College where she majors in Early Childhood Education. Jill enjoys singing and the performing arts.

1981 HOMECOMING QUEEN

A cadet's four years at VMI are filled with lonliness. The span between each weekend has a certain coldness even during the heat of the fall and spring.

At times the VMI system seems harsh to a cadet merely seeking companionship.



As time passes, however, these times of loneliness will be forgotten. The happy times will remain forever.

YES! THERE ARE GOOD TIMES AT VMI!

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As the fall semester opens, a new rat mass arrives and the academic struggle begins. All across the nation the college football season begins. But, a football game is more than just a struggle between two opposing teams, it has become a social event. Even at VMI, it is a chance to see old friends, make new ones and to do some partying — even for men on confinement.

GOSHEN DAYS!

Cold Bud, pretty girls, cool water and bright sunshine. Does it sound like Paradise? Well, it is Goshen, the closest thing to heaven on Earth, and the perpetual hang-out for all of those First Classmen who have a severe case of Senioritis.

APPLE DAY

Who will be able to forget Apple Day '81. All of those lovely girls made the trip from Mary Baldwin to hand out the fruit of the valley. But, where is the Corps? At practice parade, where else? Thanks girls for brightening up another day at the Institute.

OPENING HOPS

Girls from all over flocked to the Institute on a cool October weekend to join in the fun of Opening Hops. On Friday night everyone shagged to the "beach music" of the Tams. The Rock and Roll of the Edge was Saturday night's entertainment. With two fine groups like these it was not much trouble to have a good time.

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After months of preparation and anticipation it finally arrived, Ring Figure '83. On the afternoon of Friday, November 20th the members of the class were presented their rings, and the formal dance was held that night in Coche Hall. The class traveled to the "Star City" on Saturday to party at the Hotel Roanoke. The memories of this important and enjoyable weekend will not be soon forgotten.

ZOLLOMAN'S

Zolloman's Pavilion has been often called VMI's own fraternity house. The Monogram Club parties and Class parties have proved that quality sure beats quantity, for Keydets may not get loose that often, but when they do, the fun comes in bunches. Zolloman's has been the scene of the hottest parties on the coldest nights.

PAVILION

MORE ZOLLOMAN'S

WINTER COMES TO VMI

RAID!

Drenched girls aimlessly running around. Water and shaving cream flying all over. Upperclassmen going crazy. Rats staring down amazed. A guard team helpless. A Tac officer panicking. This could only be one thing: a RAID on VMI. Thanks, girls.

SOUTHERN SEM

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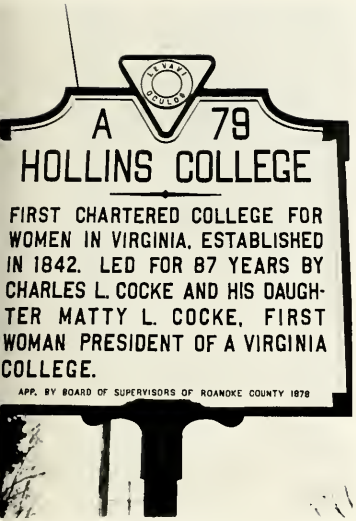

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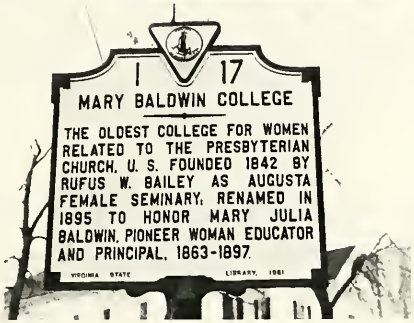

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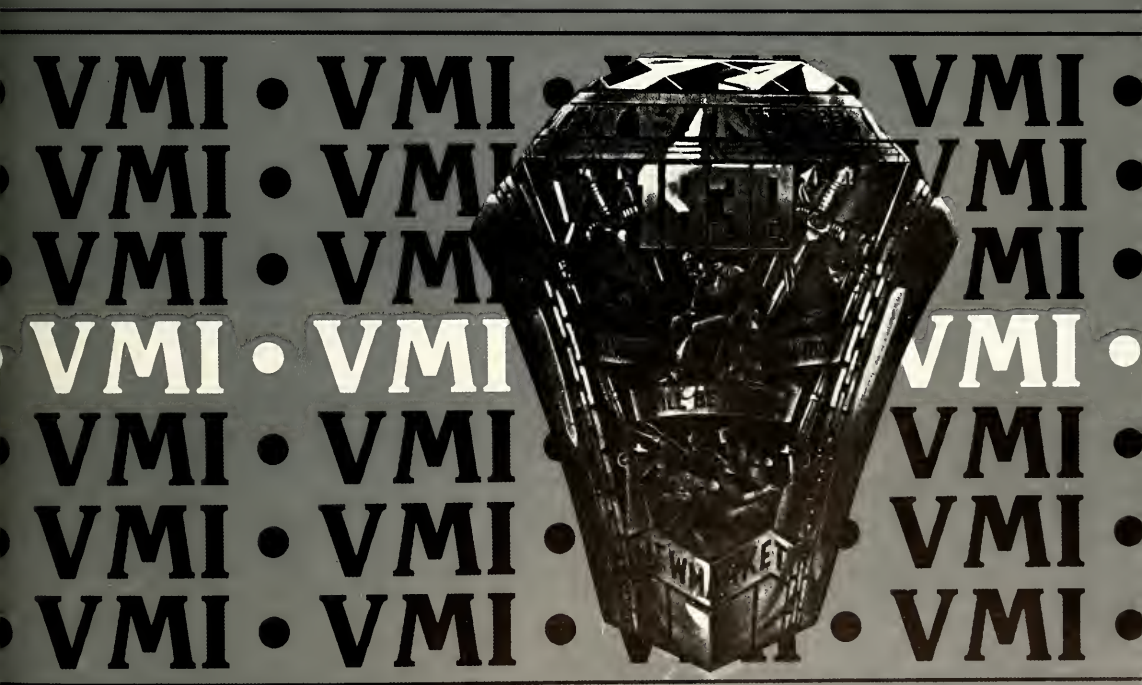
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EC-GC

The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice Pres., and Historian of the upper three classes. Its purpose is to assure The Corps that actions by a cadet which fall below the standardw and traditions to The Institute and The Corps are answerable to the EC.

The GC consists, like the EC, of the class officers of the upper three classes. Its purpose is to maintain and preserve the VMI Class System, a long guarded tradition.

The class officers are elected at the end of the Rat year and hold their positions for the remaining three years. The President of The First Class is also the President of the Executive and General Committees.

RDC

The RDC is a branch of the EC. Its primary purpose is to establish rat restrictions and to enforce the rat system. Two representatives from each company are chosen for the 14 member committee and officers are chosen among the men selected.

HOP AND FLOOR COMMITTEE

The Hop and Floor Committee is well known around VMI as a group of diligent "all-duty" seekers. Contrary to common beliefs, however, there are times when work has to be done, and somehow it manages to get done.

CADET RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Cadet Recreation Committee was created in order to enhance recreational sports at VMI. During its seven years of existence, the CRC has purchased sporting equipment for cadet use without financial charge.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

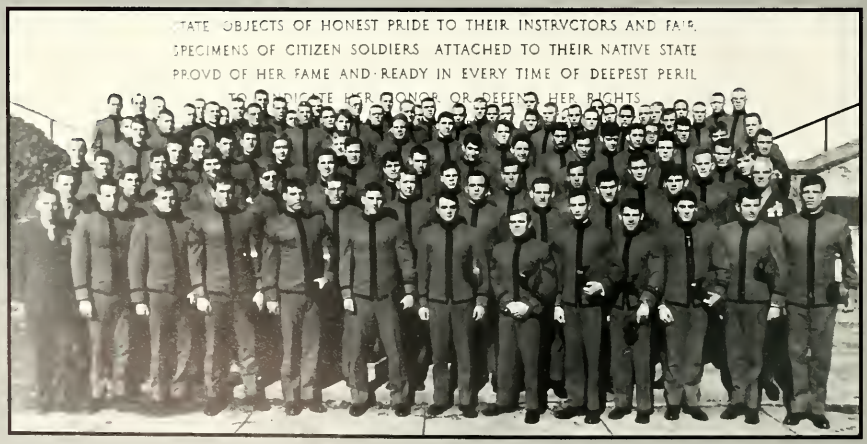
The Civil War Round Table is a cadet club which promotes interest in Civil War history by lectures and films open to the Corps. The CWRT also represents VMI at Civil War battle reenactments, drill competition, and living history demonstrations.

CADET BATTERY

TANKERS PLATOON

The VMI Tanker Platoon consists of first and second class armor students who put their classroom knowledge of tanks to use.

MARINE DETACHMENT



FENCING

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

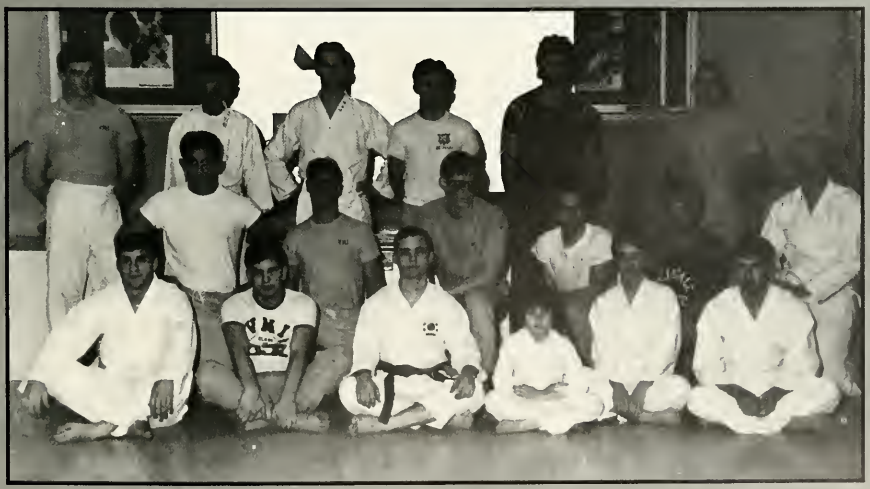
SCOUTER'S CLUB

The Scouters Club allows those members of the Corps who were in Scouting to return as leaders.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS

SOCIETY OF YOUNG ECONOMISTS

KARATE CLUB



The Karate Club provides an opportunity for cadets who wish to be physically fit and learn the art of self-defense.

FIREFIGHTERS

On alert all days of the week, and all hours of the day, these adopted and native sons of Virginia stand ready to battle that great ravenger fire. Trained and dedicated, the VMI Firefighters have rendered invaluable assistance to the Forest Service, in fighting numerous blazes, and keeping the state's residents aware of the costly danger of a careless match. In this manner, it urgently propigates the truth that "Only you can prevent forest fires."

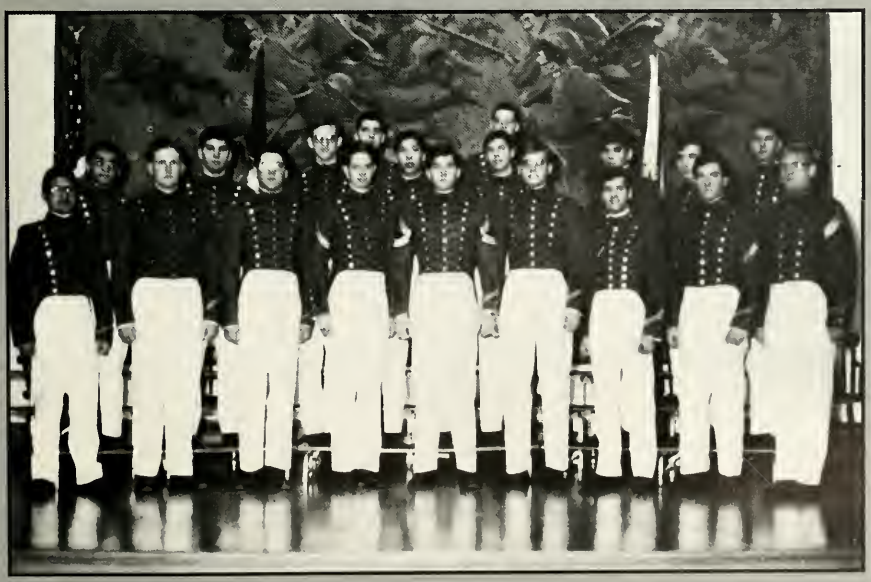
EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The VMI Equestrian Club has brought the old cavalry traditions back to VMI. The club provides an opportunity for members to learn basic horsemanship, drill maneuvers, as well as proper showmanship.

COMMANDERS

The Glee Club provides cadets with an opportunity to display their musical talent. It provides an atmosphere for friendly and social contacts, both inside and outside barracks.

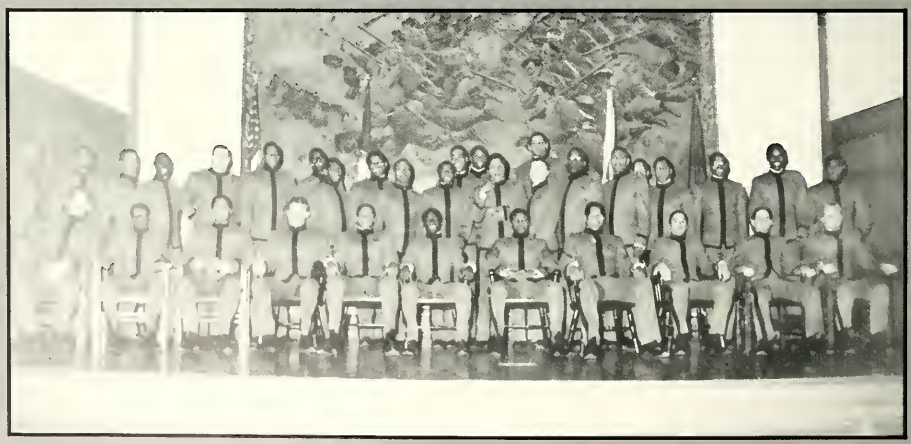
GLEE CLUB



MONOGRAM CLUB

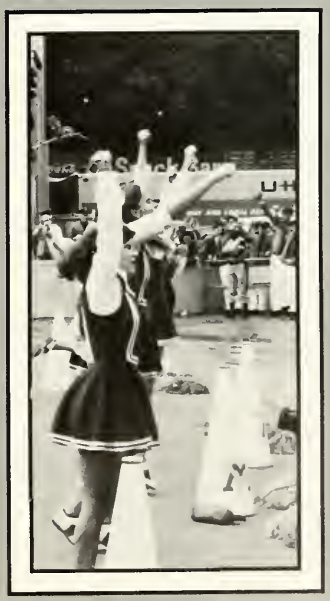
The Monogram Club is open to all cadets who have a Varsity letter. The Club sponsors "socials" out at Zollman's Pavillion which provide a much needed social outlet for cadets, and the opportunity for VEEMIE'S to meet girls from nearby schools.

BLACK STUDENT UNION



The Black Student Union of VMI is formally recognized as the "Promaji Club." "Promaji" is Swahili for Togetherness. By keeping "Promeji" as a theme towards our goal to facilitate a a bond of hospitality and goodwill between black cadets and an extremely gracious Lexington community.

The Cheerleaders showed great enthusiasm for all teams, whether they won or lost. Despite all the time and hard work, and also the harsh weather, there were many good times. Thanks for your enthusiasm girls.



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PEP BAND

The VMI Pep Band plays at all home football games, pep rallies, home and away basketball games and various other athletic events.

PEP RALLY

VMI THEATRE

Now in its 12th season, the VMI Theatre continues to bring live stage shows to the corps and the neighboring Rockbridge community. Under the guidance of director Bob deMarcia and a cadet staff of enthusiastic actors, designers, and technicians, the VMI Theatre promotes a repertoire of dramas, comedies, and musicals.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SKI CLUB

PRE-LAW

The Pre-Law Society consists of cadets who are interested in pursuing a legal career. Members sit in on a mock trial at Washington and Lee, sponsor guest lecturers, and visit various law schools.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

The VMI Society of Physics Students has the objective of pursuing and promoting further study of the physical sciences through activities such as field trips, movies, and guest speakers.

SAME

The goal of the VMI Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers is to expose cadets to many areas of Civil Engineering by sponsoring guest lectures, field trips, a concrete canoe team and branch, as well as team, state, and national meetings.

ENGLISH SOCIETY

The VMI English Society exists as the last bastion of liberal enlightenment in a technically-oriented and culturally deficient Corps. Secure in the sacred truth that "knowledge is good," its intrepid scholars relentlessly pursue the universal mysteries of truth. Armed only with cheap coffee (knowledge nectar), weakening eyes, and the knowledge that innumerable papers are due the next day (and frequently the day before). The Society offers sanctuary, cupture, a twenty-four hour talk show, and thought-provoking films to any and all.

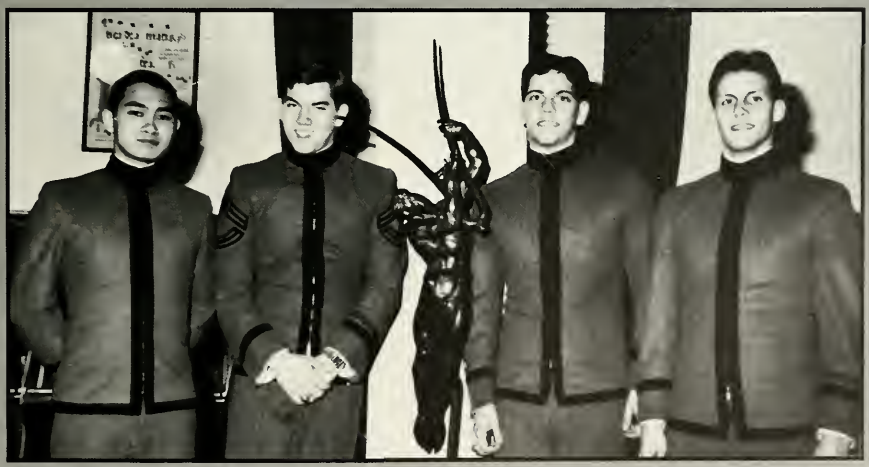
DEBATE TEAM

The Debate Team has been a part of VMI for almost 100 years.

CIRCLE K

The Circle K Club is a community service organization helping the community in any way possible. The VMI Circle K Club is sponsored by the Lexington Kiwanis Club.

TIMMONS MUSIC SOCIETY



The Timmins Music Society promotes classical music interests within the corps. Founded in 1952, the society owes its name to John Timmins, a cadet officer who lost his life in the Korean War.

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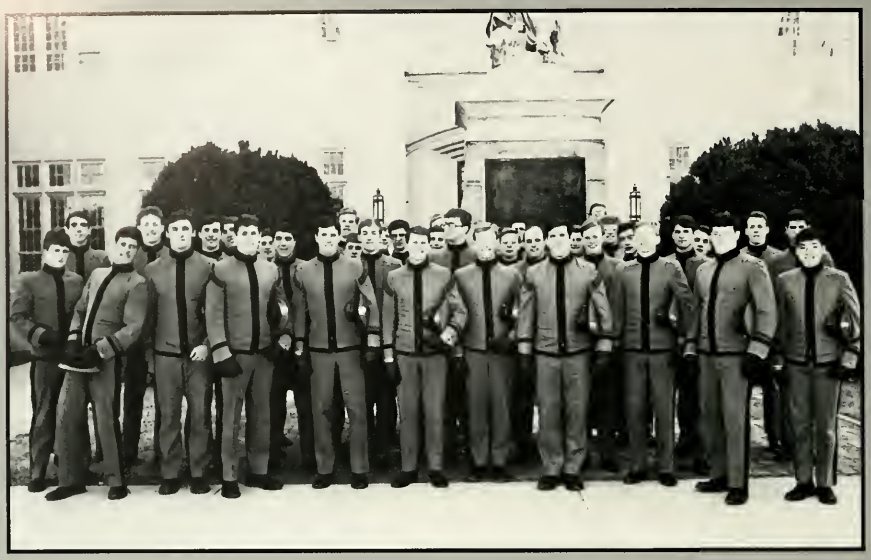

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NEWMAN CLUB

The Newman Club was established in an attempt to promote Christian Fellowship among college students. The club coordinates meetings, dinners, retreats, and dances in an attempt to reach the goal. Club activities are promoted by St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The Club invites students of all faiths to come and share in the joy of Christ's love.

RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

The Religious Council is a non-denominational volunteer organization representing all classes. Its function is to provide every opportunity possible for a cadet to worship God as he chooses. It is under the auspices of the Chaplain. It is also responsible for the Sunday Chapel services in Jackson Memorial Hall.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The Baptist Student Union is a program established by the Southern Convention for area college students. Stress is put on growth of Christian principles.

SOUNDING BRASS

The Sounding Brass is the literary magazine of the Corps. As an expression of the Corps' literary tastes, this annual magazine presents cadet's original poetry, fiction, literary criticism and art work.

POSIT COMMITTEE

The Posit Committee consists of representatives of the upper three classes. Its purpose is to study and improve cadet life. It conducts studies and then make recommendations to the Superintendent for improvements.

IEEE

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers is an international organization dedicated to helping Electrical Engineers keep abreast of the rapidly growing technology.

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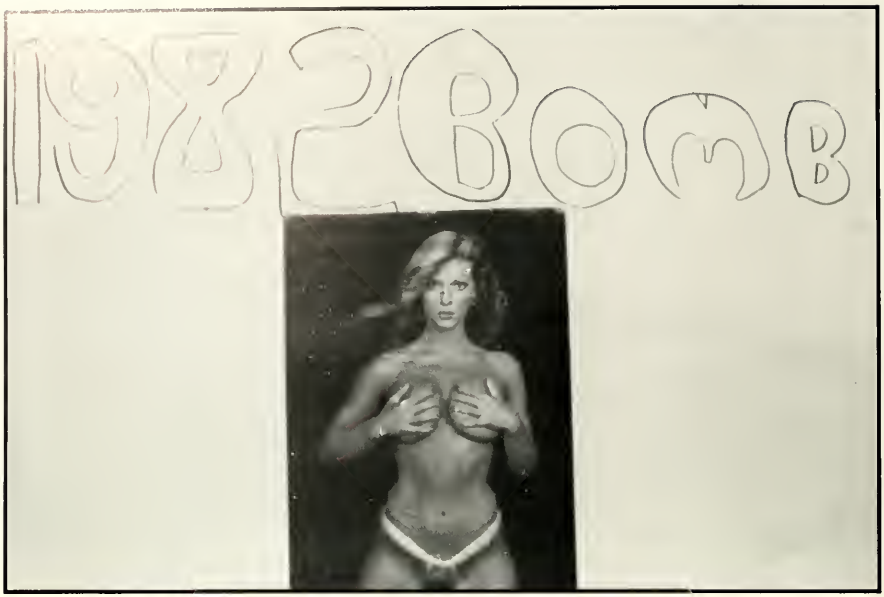
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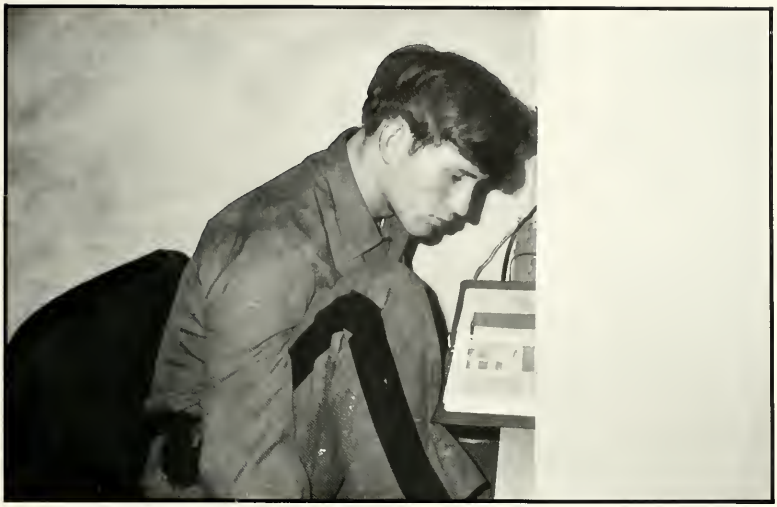

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NEWMARKET

PARENTS WEEKEND

Parent's Weekend fell early, but the weekend could not have been much better. Sunny Virginia skies greeted friends and relatives who made the trip to the Institute. Also, for the first time in the Class of 1982's cadetship, the football team won the Parent's Weekend game by trouncing William and Mary.

CORPS TRIP — WEST POINT

The weekend of September 19, 1981 must be looked upon as one of VMI's greatest moments. The highly publicized mule caper caught the Military Academy off guard, but that was only the beginning. The football team surprised everyone (except VMI supporters) by beating Army 14-7. Most importantly the entire Corps of Keydets taught West Point's Corps a good lesson as we led a tremendous display of the VMI Spirit and showed many people that *THE* military school is located south of the Mason-Dixon line, in Lexington, Virginia.

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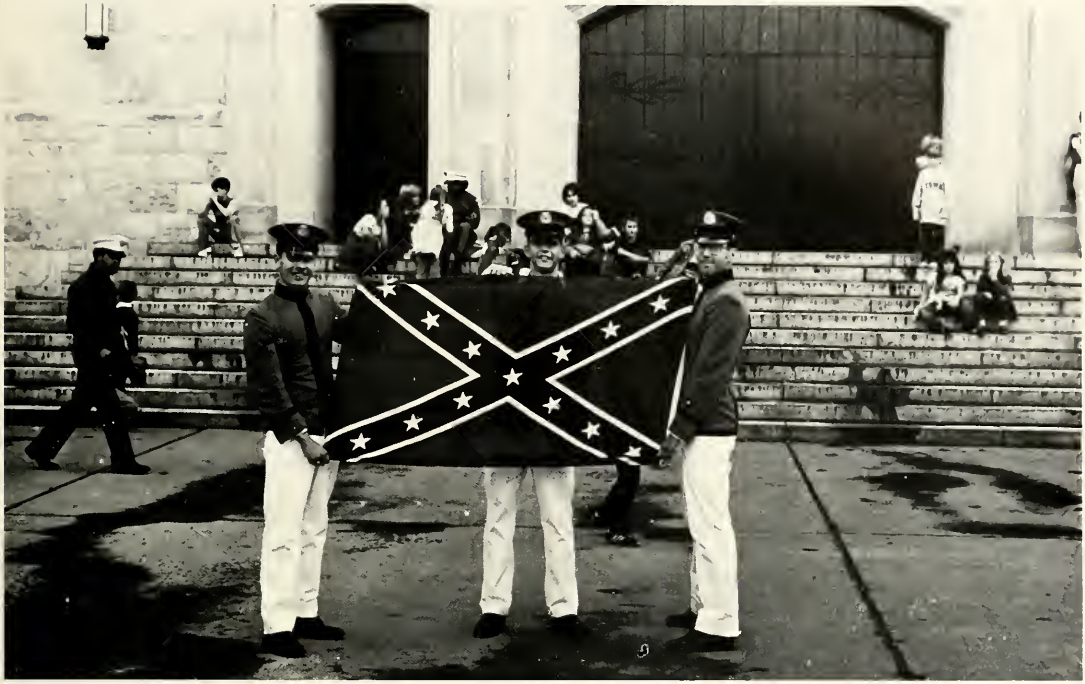


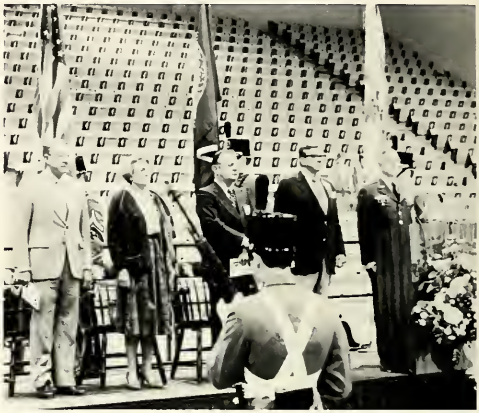
YORKTOWN

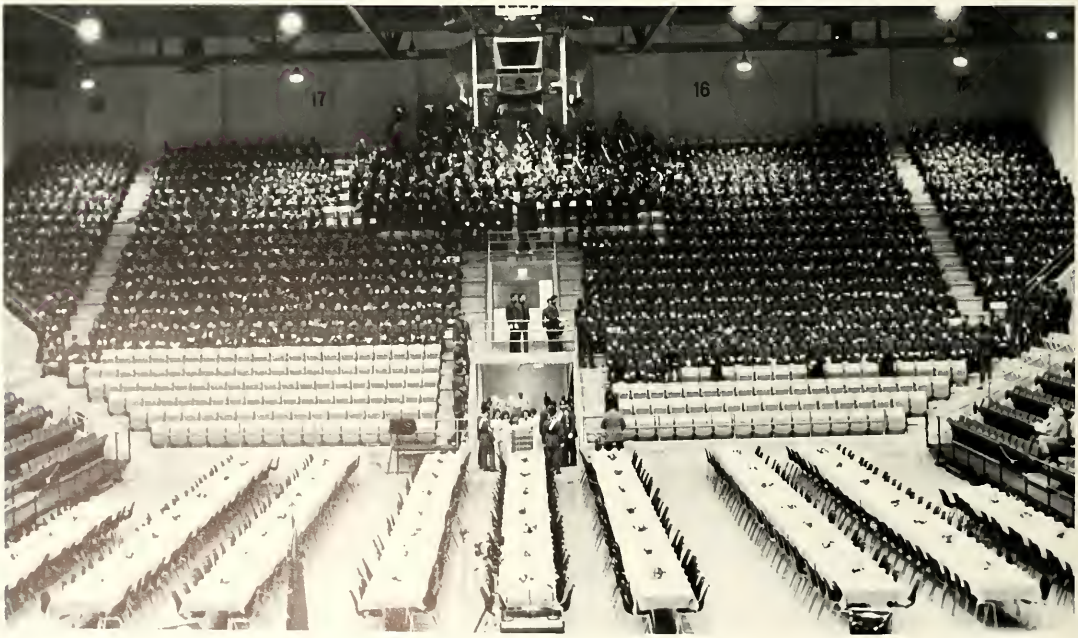
Early on a cold, dark October morning the Corps loaded on a caravan of buses destined for the Yorktown Victory Bicentennial Celebration. The Corps performed flawlessly in front of an audience that included President Reagan, President Mitterand of France and many other dignitaries. For its outstanding effort the Corps of Cadets was granted amnesty by President Reagan.

CAMERON HALL DEDICATION

The dedication of Cameron Hall on November 7 marked the fulfillment of the Institute's great need for a new multipurpose facility. This magnificent structure, which has a seating capacity of over 5,000, will be enjoyed by the VMI community for many years to come.

The building is named in honor of Bruce B. Cameron '38 and David D. Cameron '42 who provided the necessary funds to get the project under way.





FOUNDERS DAY

On November 11 VMI celebrated its 142nd birthday. The Founder's Day parade had an eerie flavor as fog covered the parade ground. The day's festivities also included the presentation of the VMI Foundation's Distinguished Service award to Edmund T. Morris '26 and James Smith Ferebee '27.

In the early morning hours of Friday, Sept. 18, a small group of VMI cadets along with a female assistant abducted the U.S. Military Academy's mascot "Spartacus." The event added to Army's defeat to VMI in football — 14-7.

The idea for the abduction began three years earlier when two of the raiders were rats. The actual exercise began on Wed., Sept. 16, when the group left VMI for the Corps Trip to West Point. No strategic plan had been thought up, but this did not deter the raiders in the least.

After a night's rest on Long Island, the group left for West Point. Miss Jane Checca, upon arrival at the Point, began to search for information concerning the mascot's whereabouts. The information was easily obtained.

Acting on the information obtained, the group began to gather supplies (including a trailer, Jartran, I each). The formulation of a plan over pizza and beer concluded the necessary preparations — the raiders were ready.

Using all the recondo skill learned at Ft. Bragg, the raiders successfully abducted "Spartacus" and returned to Long Island. A confederate flag was left in the mule's place.

The Army mule after being lodged on Long Island until the morning of the game, was painted in order to show where his spirit really lay. The only disappointment was that the West Point cadets and the MP's did not have the same spirit as the VMI cadets.

CHECCA'S RAIDERS

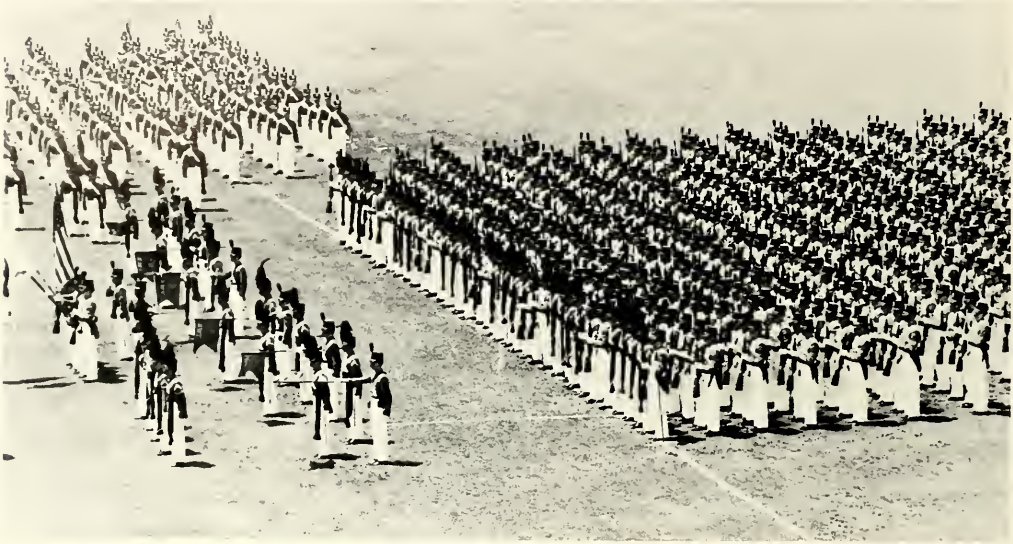
Steve Checca	'82
Phil Dederer	'82
Jeff Modisett	'82
Gray Scott	'82
Dave Shutt	'82
Jane Checca	

GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL

The inaugural parade for Governor Chuck Robb was yet another chance for the Corps of Cadets to prove itself the pride of Virginia, and no one was disappointed. Despite the cold and snow, the Corps put on a stellar performance through the streets of Richmond.

NEW MARKET DAY

The one event that distinguishes VMI from every other military school is the Battle of New Market, where the Corps of Cadets fought as a unit in actual combat. Though the battle was fought over a century ago, the spirit that was with the cadets at New Market is still alive in the Corps today and it permeates all activities, athletic, military and academic.



GRADUATION

May 15, 1982

Finally, Graduation. This is the happiest of times, and it is the saddest of times. Our four years of regimented life at the Institute are over, but we must also part with our Brother Rats, the men with whom we have shared the greatest part of our lives. Yet, this is only the beginning of a long road that we must travel, and we can only hope that what we have learned from our experiences at the Institute will help us in our future endeavors.

A cadet spends four years of his life at VMI and during this time fails to really see the beauty of the Institute. Rushing to and from classes, marching PTs, and parading in front of the public a cadet's vision is clouded. He sees barracks as a hideous structure as he crosses the Maury River Bridge on his return from a furlough. Memorial Gardens is passed without even a second glance. The beauty is missed but it still is there.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Col. Synder arrives at VMI intent on re-emphasizing the military aspect of the Institute and 'putting the bite" back in the penalty.

An excellent football season culminated with the presentation of a silver football fez awarded by the head of the ADFL. (Abu Dhabi Football League)

The basketball season wasn't as exciting, even if the team had a 7 million dollar building in which they could ponder the fate of their coach.

Here, irate fans demand that cheerleaders deliver that same coach, who has taken refuge in Lexington Cathedral.

Second Semester paved the way for stepped up military training, to include real life field training exercises. Corps leaders stepped forward to take charge, and proved to be leaders outside barracks as well. On the right we see these men doing what they like to do in off duty hours as well.

Inside Camp Cuba-Nicaragua

A fly-by-night "training site" for counterrevolutionaries

Jorge ("Bombillo") Gonzalez, flanked by two aides, sits in his suburban Miami field office

BAMBILLO'S AIDE SEEKS A NEW LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

BAMBILLO HIMSELF IS CONSTANTLY VIGILANT.

BAMBILLO'S OTHER AIDE PERSONALLY SHOWS A NEW RECRUIT THE ROPES.

The Corps of Cadets, not realizing true talent, caused the Hop and Floor president to cancel VMI's first rock concert. Commented the lead singer for the group: "I don't understand, George Gansz was once our manager."

Our social life remained on the upswing this year. In a crowded ballroom a VMI cadet is shown doing the tango with a beautiful model. What? You don't see the crowd? Or the model? Neither do we.

Officer's social life was also on the upswing. On a crowded street corner a VMI tactical officer is shown discussing etiquette with '83 Ring Figure dates.

Doctor William Old, in his 143rd year as post physician, is shown here treating a cadet for an injured knee.

To the Corps, we leave not only the military, academics, athletics, and wild social life but we also leave behind these pillars of stability, confident of their mission and resolute in their action.

"It is a tale told by an idiot
full of sound and fury
signifying nothing."

— William Shakespeare

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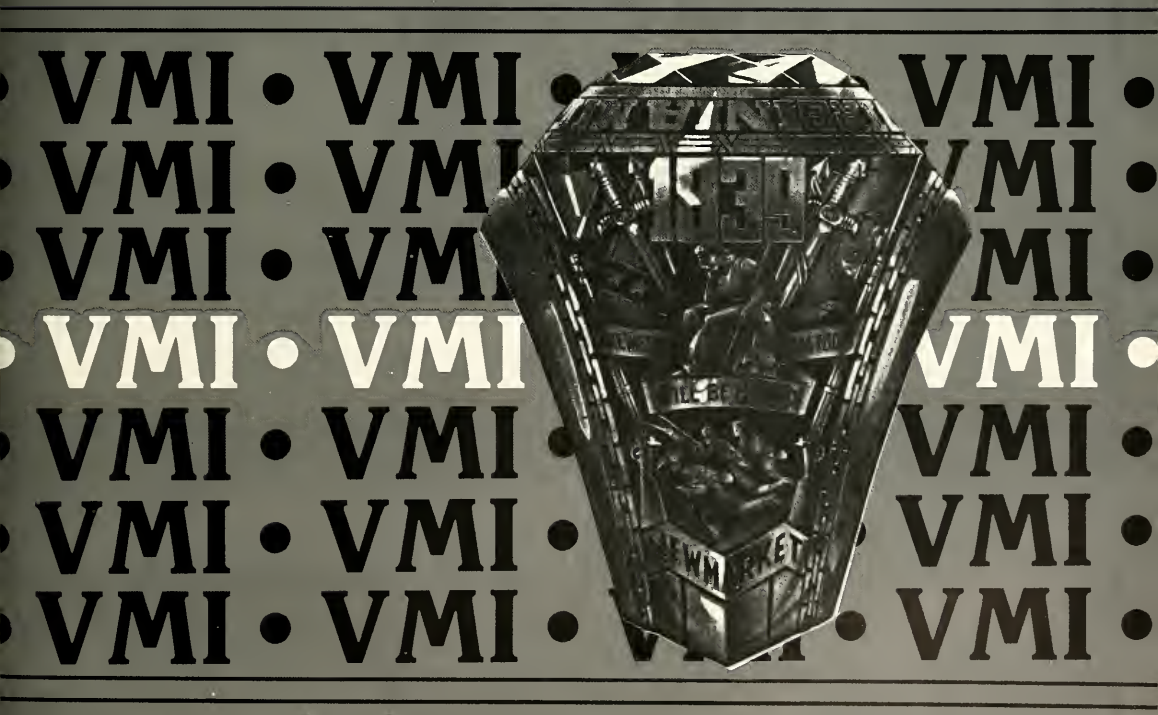
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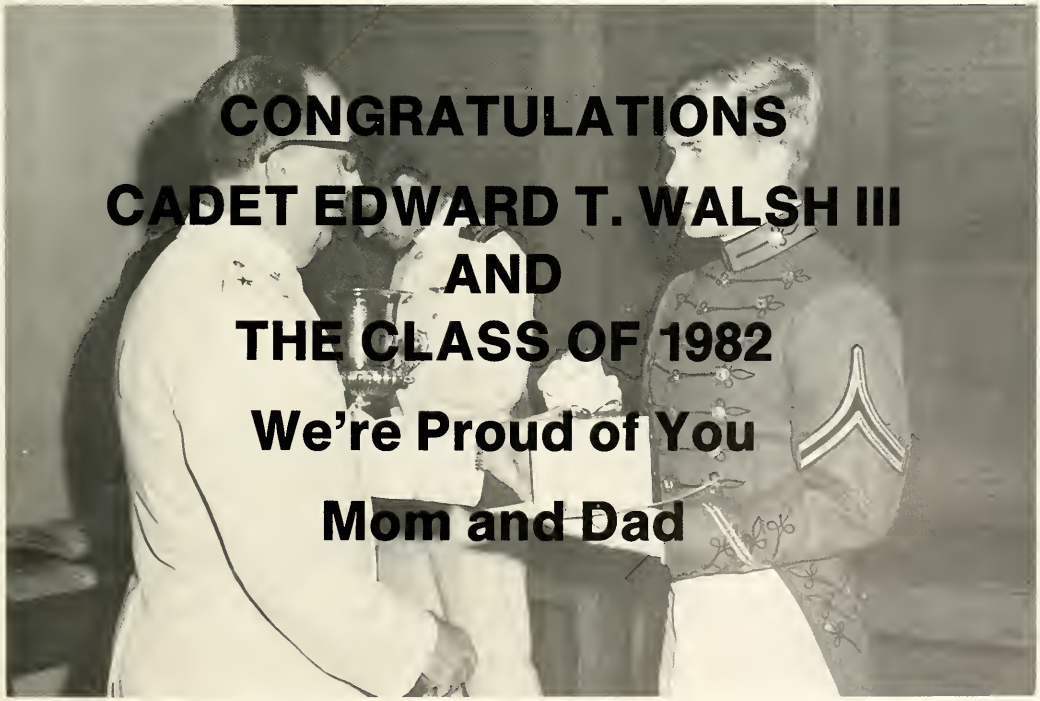

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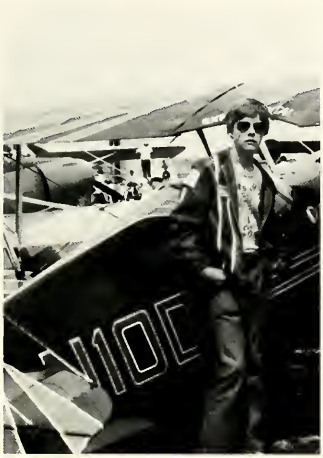

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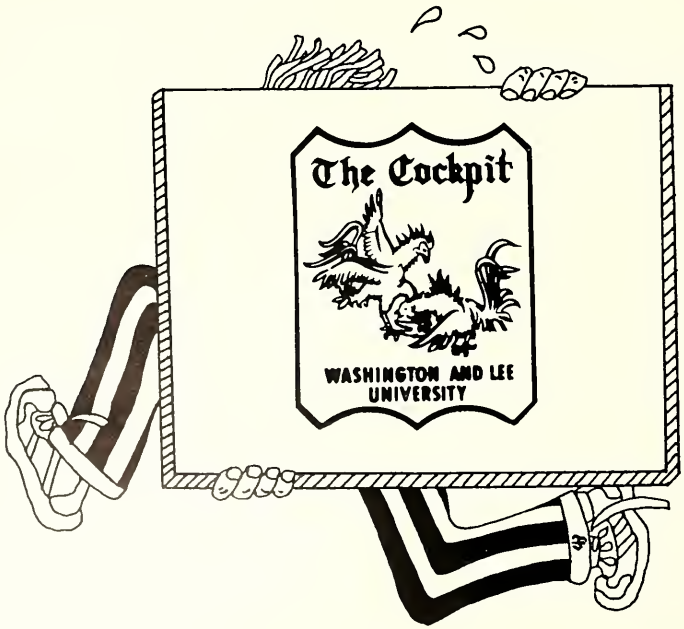

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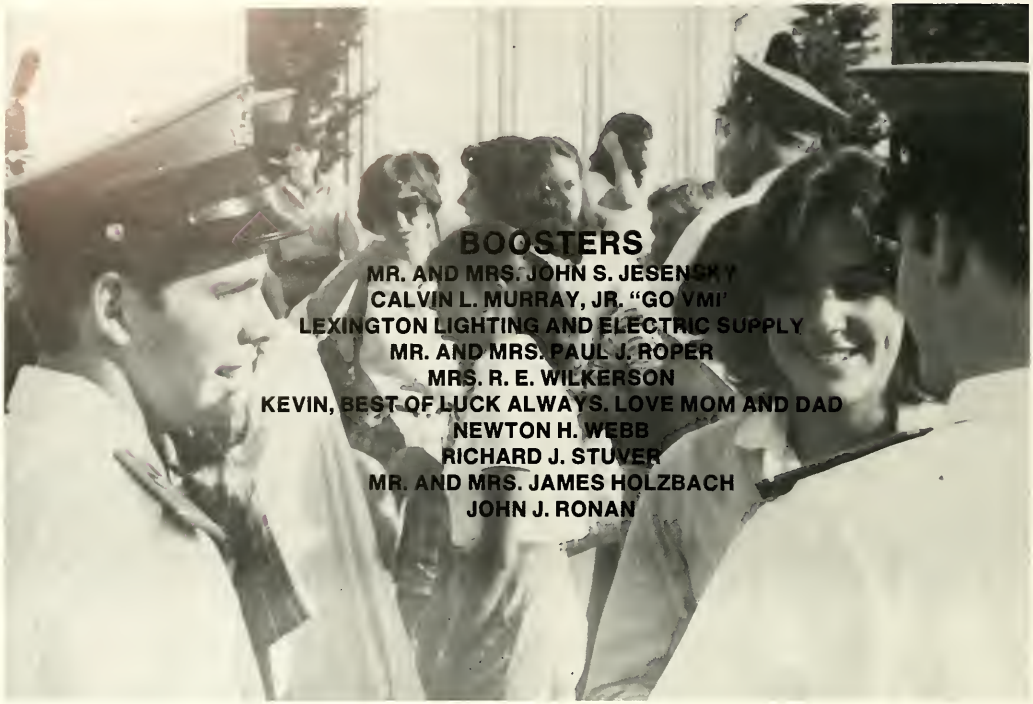

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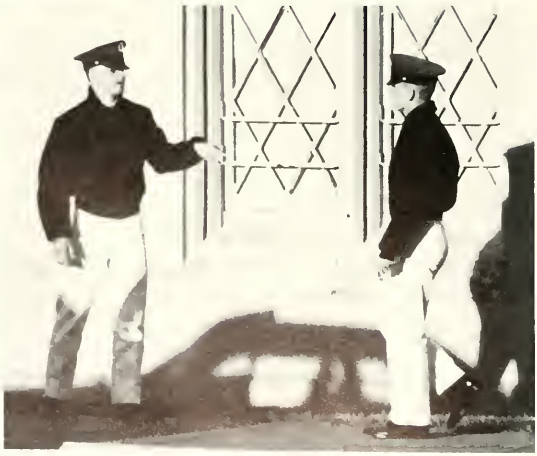

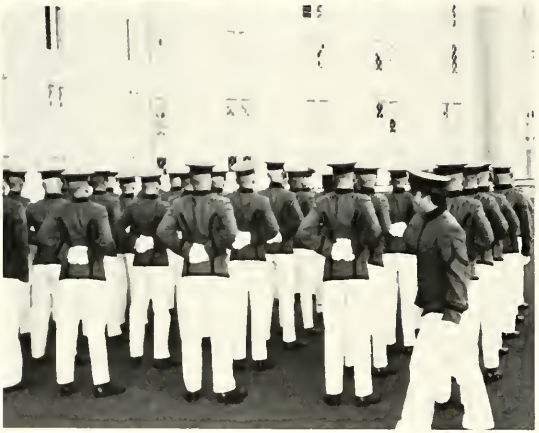

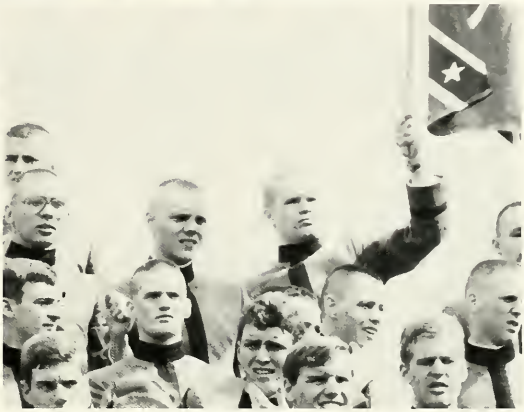

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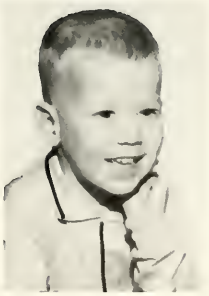

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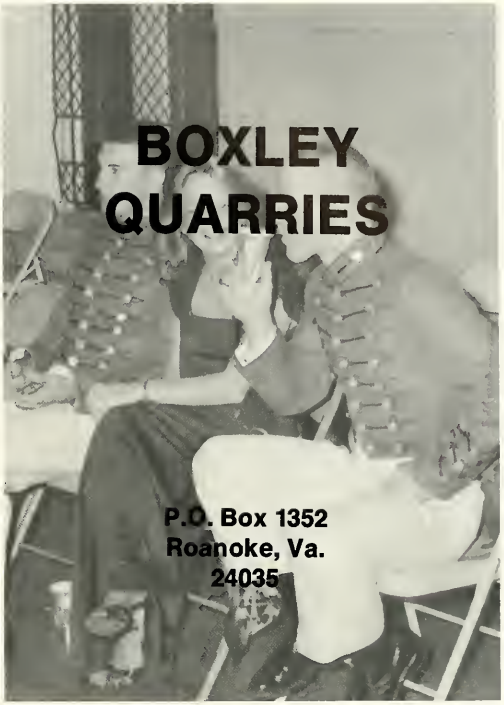

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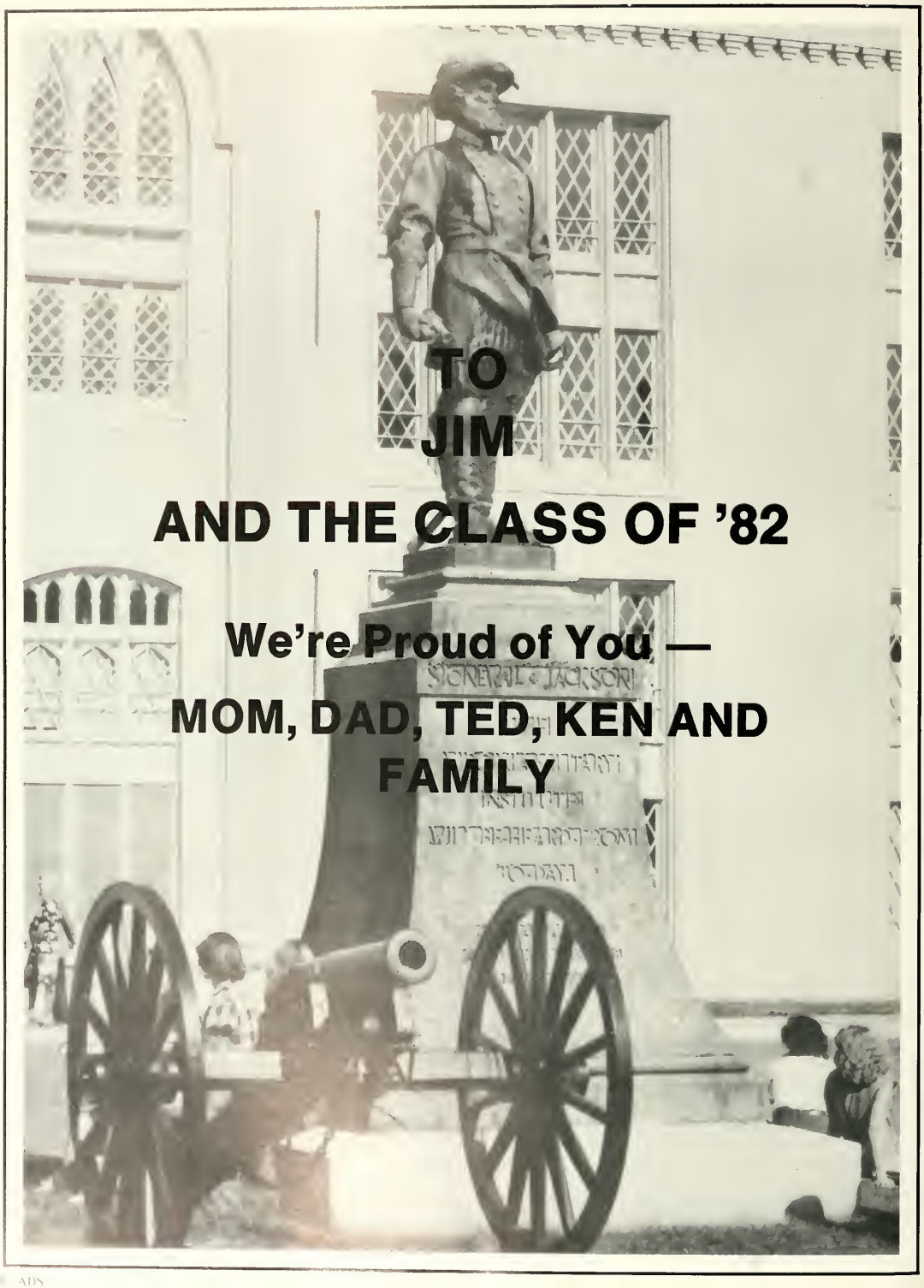
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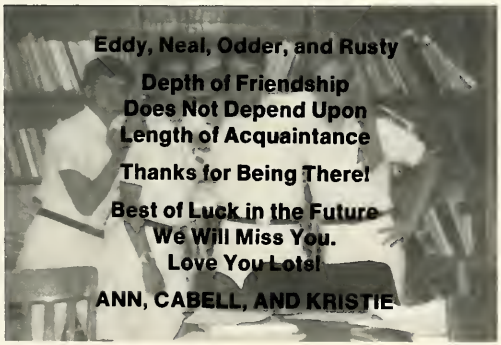

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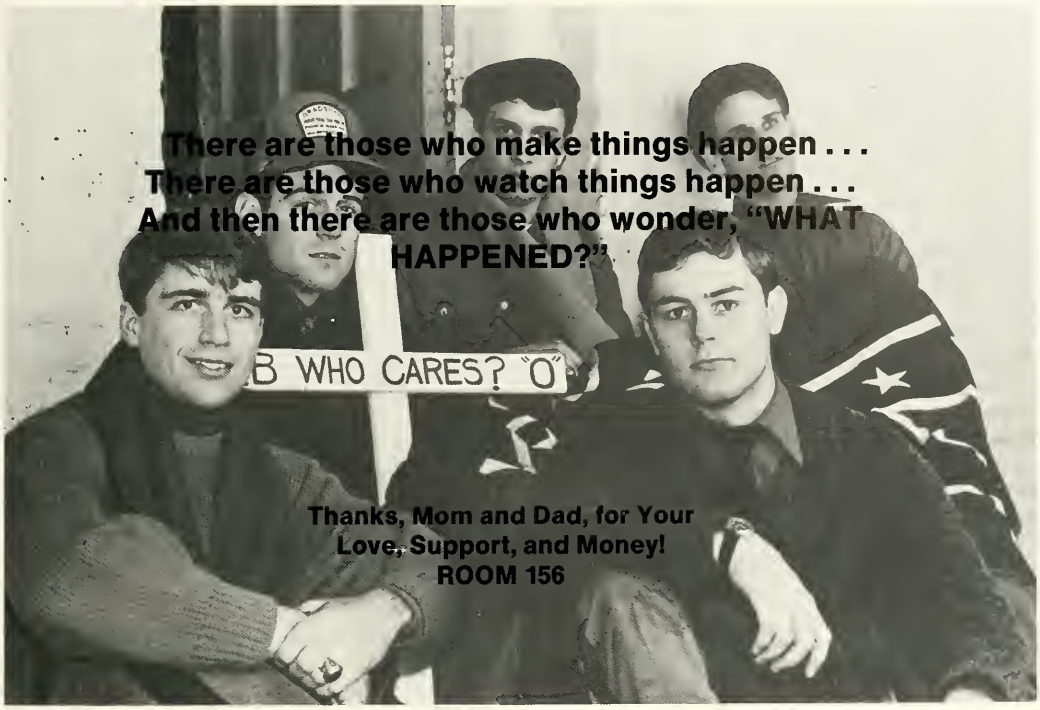

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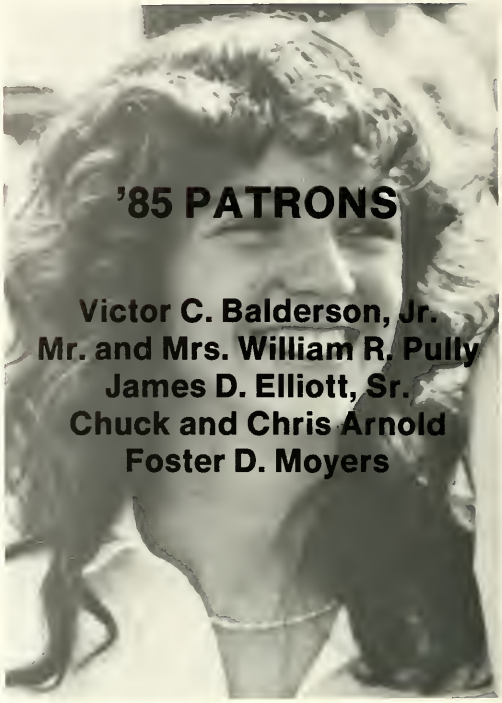

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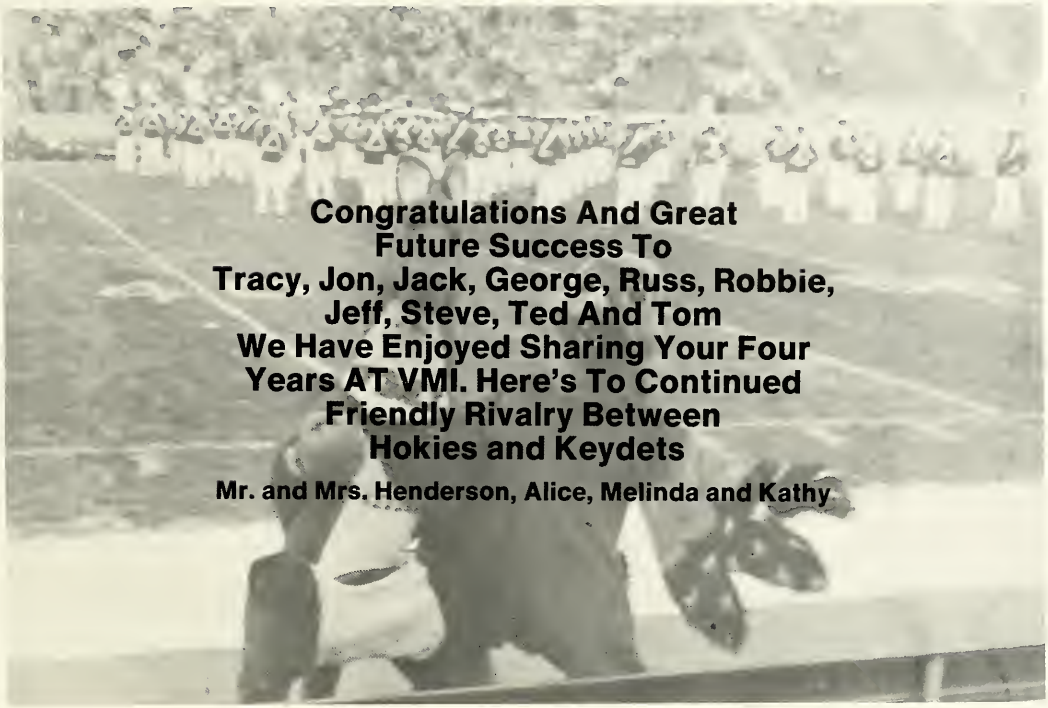

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Isn't it strange that princes and kings and clowns that caper in circus rings;
And common folk like you and me are builders for eternity!
To each is given a bag of tools, a lump of clay and a book of rules;
And each must build 'ere life has flown, a stumbling block or a stepping stone.
Let history record that you lived by principle — the hallmark of which is Honor and the character of which is Sterling — and that by so doing you helped change its course.
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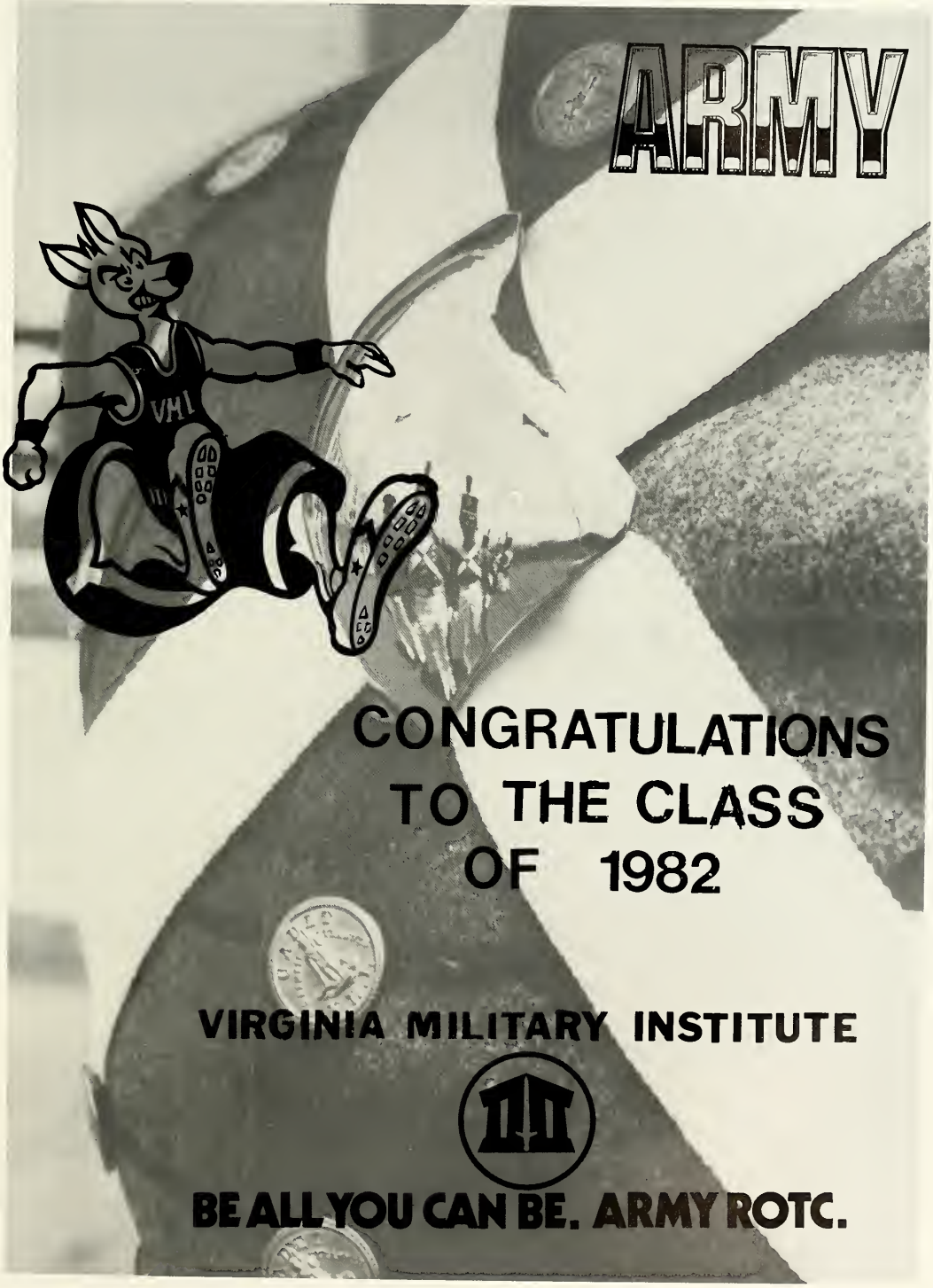
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There is no way to describe the enormity of completing this yearbook. It was quite a job, pages seemed never-ending and at times it was difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel! Many nights of sleep have been lost, but not in vain. It is the finished book, that we are most proud of. Without the help of many people, this publication would not have been possible.

As the deadline fast approaches, only a dedicated few remain. I would like to thank Grahm Shirley and George Headley, two dedicated underclassmen, for their unending service to the BOMB. Charlie Sanger for tackling the First Class Section, Phil Dederer for putting up with me and yelling when yelling was needed. I especially would like to thank Mark Dahlinger for making this book financially possible; without his long hours of work we would not have made it.

The Staff has spent the last nine months producing something that the VMI community will be proud of. We believe that the 1982 BOMB will provide all of us with many fond memories of VMI life. Hopefully we have preserved those events that made this year a special one to you.

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Of the time when they would die,
And each was undecided
As to the place where they would lie.

"New York," said one Billy Yank.
"Richmond," said Robert E.
But when it came to Johnny Reb
He Said, "The only place for me

"Is where the river Maury flows
Tis there I shall repose.
Buried deep in parade ground green
With Stonewell 'bove my nose.

"And the devil, he'll be lookin'
For me I suppose.
But he'll never think of lookin'
Where the river Maury flows.

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